

CHILDREN OF THE DEVIL CHARACTERISTICS — 1 JOHN 3:11-18

A “Beginning” vs New Message (1Jn.3:11)

For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another (1Jn.3:11)

- Christian love has something new about it. “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you” (Jn.13:34). We are to love as Christ loved.

1 Murder (1Jn.3:12)

not as Cain who was of the wicked one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his works were evil and his brother's righteous (1Jn.3:12)

- The characteristic of all the children of the devil is murder. It is in their heart.



2 Hatred (1Jn.3:13-15)

¹³Do not marvel, my brethren, if the world hates you. ¹⁴We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love the brethren. He who does not love his brother abides in death. ¹⁵Whoever hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (1Jn.3:13-15)

- The only difference between murder and hate is the act. The attitude is the same.



3 Indifference (1Jn.3:16-17)

¹⁶By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren. ¹⁷But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother in need, and shuts up his heart from him, how does the love of God abide in him? (1Jn.3:16-17)

- Believers are so willing to give up everything because God's love has so permeated our being.



B Injunction (1Jn.3:18)

My little children, let us not love in word or in tongue, but in deed and in truth. (1Jn.3:18)

- Not only is your love (1) a testimony to everybody around you that you belong to God, it's (2) an assuring testimony to yourself.