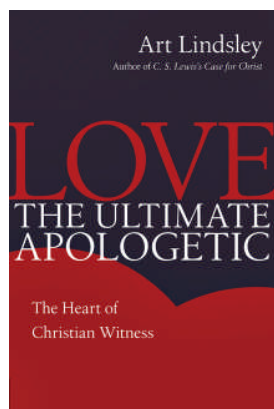


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While speaking in high schools and colleges, I have met many students who were brought up in Christian homes where they were taught solid doctrine and morality but where family life was cold and lacking in love. There was an ugliness that made passionate commitment to Christ difficult, if not impossible. It was very hard for these students to separate the good things they learned from the bad taste left in their mouths. Not only in the home but also in our schools and churches, truth and goodness must be communicated in love in order to be compelling.

G. K. Chesterton argued that “education is implication.” We primarily pick up not what is said explicitly but what is there between the lines. Learning is both taught and caught. Following the true and good is the most attractive way to live, and true moral education can take place only when the teacher models what is taught.

If we get a clear conscience, we have dealt with the guilt from our past. If we keep a clear conscience by confessing our sin regularly and attempting to avoid violating our conscience with respect to God or others, then we can be emotionally free to live in the present rather than in the past. The more we live in the present, the more available we are to love.

In fact, the more we experience unacknowledged and unconfessed guilt, the less we are able to love. Guilt over what we have done drains our energy and causes us to dwell in the past. The more we live in the past, the less energy we have to live in the present. In order to love, we need to be present. Unfortunately, we can be more absent than present. It is only by faith in what Christ has done on the cross that we can fully love. In Christ there is both an answer for why we are guilty and a solution for taking care of the guilt. Not only is our guilt addressed, but a foundation is laid for peace in our souls.

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