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Jesus told His own disciples and many He healed that they should tell no one what things they had seen. Jesus set the ultimate example of humility. He did the most extraordinary things, but sought no personal notoriety or accolades. Once He was finished with His work of death and resurrection to new life, it became imperative that His works were revealed in the context of the real purposes for which He had done them. In a similar way, until the life of the risen Christ so dominates you that you understand what the love of Christ is, you might as well be silent. If there is no visible evidence, which would only be a love far greater than human love for others, you have no testimony at all. But when we are transformed into Christ-like lovers, it is this very love that is the manifest purpose of God in Jesus Christ.

Many Christians do not understand the miseries of life which issue from the new birth. We miss the point of adversity and often try to pray it away. But when you get to the right state on the inside, that is, in your emotional surrender to the love of God, the word which Jesus has spoken is so plain that you are amazed that you did not see it before. You could not understand it before because you were not mature enough to bear the full weight of it. It is essential that God reveal His truth to us at exactly the right time when we are most receptive of it.

Our Lord does not hide these things. They are hidden by the blindness of our own selfishness. It is revealed when you are humble enough to accept it. This acceptance comes when and only when we can see that the purposes of God are rarely akin to our own. Jesus said, "I have yet many things to tell you, but you cannot bear them now." There must be full identification with His risen life before a particular word can be heard and properly interpreted into spiritual reality.

The evidence that we know anything about the impartation of Christ's life in us is that His word is becoming interpretable to us. God cannot reveal anything to us if we do not have His Spirit and fully surrender to it. If we have made up our minds about a Biblical issue, the light of God will no longer come to us on that issue. We cannot get it.