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9 persecuted -- not forsaken

cast down -- not destroyed

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* SPIRIT OF LOVE

John 13:34 "as I have loved you"
35 sign of disciples
Mark 3:5 Jesus was angered by unrighteous behavior
Luke 9:54-56 Jesus corrected James and John -- because of
their approach
Eph. 4:26 be angry -- don't sin
Phil. 2:3 esteem others better

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* SPIRIT OF SOUND MIND
SPIRIT OF DISCIPLINE & SELF-CONTROL

Rom. 7:14 the law is spiritual -- we are carnal
15 we don't do some of the good things we want to
do -- and we do some of the bad things that
we don't want to do

* We will talk more about this tomorrow

* 2 Concepts to Consider

The Lens Principle -- Who we are, determines how we see others.
Our perception of others depends more upon our attitude, than it does
upon their characteristics. If we are positive, we see them as
positive.

The Pain Principle -- Hurting-people tend to hurt other people.
Our negative experiences and our emotional baggage color our
perception of others' actions. Normal interactions can cause
us pain, even when another person did nothing to inflict pain.

* Final reminder -- Faith, Hope & Love

Harry Truman (the 33rd president of the United States) once said:
The worst danger we face is the danger of being paralyzed by
doubts & fears. This danger is brought on by those who abandon
faith and sneer at hope. It is brought on by those who spread
cynicism and distrust and try to blind us to our great chance
to do good for all mankind.

Fear

Weakens
Imprisons
Paralyzes
Disheartens
Sickens

Faith, Hope & Love

Strengthen
Liberate
Empower
Encourage
Heal