

1. Spiritual warfare - we are in a battle, expect it.
 - a. "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." Eph 6:12 (NLT)
 - b. "So humble yourselves before God. Resist the Devil and he will flee from you." James 4:7 (NLT)
2. God is love, perfect love. 1 John 4:16-18 (NLT)
3. Satan opposes God on all fronts, especially love. His objective is to kill, steal, and destroy. Lies and deception are his primary tools.
 - a. It's God's kindness that leads us to repentance. Romans 2:4
 - b. It only stands to reason that Satan will do everything he can to deceive us to believe that:
 - i. God doesn't really love us or
 - ii. We must somehow earn His love or
 - iii. We are unclean or unworthy of His love
 - iv. We don't measure up or are no good
 - v. He is disappointed or angry with us when we sin or fall short of His plan.
 - c. These are ways an unloving spirit can gain a foothold in our lives - open right-of-way.
4. Unloving spirits can be generational.
 - a. Parents were not shown love and therefore did not show love or were absent.
 - b. Sibling rivalry.
 - c. The godhead and the family unit:
 - i. Father - Father God
 - ii. Mother - Holy Spirit
 - iii. Brothers and sisters - Jesus
5. But God says:
 - a. We are fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalms 139:14
 - b. Father God loved us so much that "...He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." John 3:16 (NKJV)
 - c. "God showed His great love for us by sending Christ to die for us while we were still sinners." Romans 5:8 (NLT)
 - d. Holy Spirit is our Advocate that will never leave us, leads us into all truth, and lives in us. John 14:16-17
 - e. Jesus says that we are worth it all. All the pain and the suffering - that bearing our sins we might be set free and inherit eternal life.
6. So what do we do about it?
 - a. First step is to recognize it and then take responsibility.
 - b. Repent for entertaining that spirit.
 - c. Renounce the unloving spirit and each related spirit.* In your own life or generations.
 - d. Example prayer:

- i. Father God, I come to You in Jesus name.
 - ii. I recognize and take responsibility in my life and in my generations (both sides of family) for entertaining an unloving spirit and I renounce it.
 - iii. I confess my sin and repent.
 - iv. I ask for forgiveness for serving an unloving spirit and believe according to Your Word that I have received my forgiveness in the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.
 - v. Ask Holy Spirit to seal the deal.
 - e. Rejoice in your freedom. John 8:36 "So if the Son sets you free..." (NLT)
 - f. Resist the spirit when it tries to come back. Stand on God's promises. James 4:7
7. Let's take a few moments to be still before the Lord and ask Holy Spirit if an unloving spirit has a foothold (or stronghold) in your life or family line. Are there any related spirits in operation? For example: spirits supporting the kingdom of self such as self-pity or self-rejection, self condemnation, lack of confidence, self-doubt, insecurity, loneliness, self-destructive behavior (eating disorders), self-comparison, self-exaltation or pride, perfectionism, fear of man, fear of rejection or abandonment, fear of failure, lack of worth, idolatry of others, shame, or guilt.