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The One Thing That Cannot be Faked

John 17:23 — This is the phenomenon through which the world will be convicted.

Mal 3:18 — Distinguishes those who serve or don't serve Him. We only can serve Him in perfect unity. He doesn't reward our division but our unity. The few times we pray in unity, He hears us.

Jn 17:22 — Are you receiving the inner glory that makes other people respect you? Like the glory that the Father gives to the Son? Jn 13:35 — They are knowing that you are disciples — because of love. Jn 15:8 — Show and prove to be His disciples. There have been and will be so many false things coming forth to try to imitate and duplicate the truth. There will be more in the future than there have been in the past. But there is one thing that they cannot fake or imitate.

You can fake love — you can love to a certain degree (faking it).

1 Pet 1:22 — A sincere love of the brothers. (In Portuguese it says, "love that is not faked.") But there is one thing you cannot fake. You may be able to fake self control (In India they do lots of things with self control — walk on coals, etc.) But the circumstances in the community bring forth the glory we have or don't have. They reveal if we have patience. Soon we loose our peace, our patience, then you loose your love, then your self control. The proving of our faith is more precious than gold.