

GETTING ALONG WITH OTHERS

Matthew 7:12

This verse is referred to as the Golden Rule. All that you expect or desire of others in similar circumstances do to them. Put yourself in the place of others.

Romans 12:10

Love (be devoted) to one another with brotherly love. The meaning denotes tender affection, such as between parents and children. Christians should have similar feelings toward each other. Showing honor to one another. "By this all people will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35 HCSB)

1 John 4:20-21

The one saying he loves God but has hate in his heart for another is a liar. In other words, if we do not love the visible representatives of God, how can we love God, the invisible? The command to love a brother is as obligatory as that to love God.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

The qualities/characteristics of love are found in this chapter. God's kind of love is not like the worlds. It is directed outward toward others, not inward toward ourselves. It is totally unselfish. The more we become like Christ, the more we will have and show love to others.

Ephesians 4:31-32

This list in these verses is what we are to get rid of in our lives and the positive characteristics we should have and display as God's followers. We are to "put on" Christ and His nature and character which is kindness, compassionate and forgiving. We can grieve the Holy Spirit by our actions if we have bitterness, anger, resentments, etc.

Romans 15:1-2

We should set aside any willfulness and self-pleasing actions for the sake of building others up for good. When it speaks of the strong in this verse, it is speaking of the strong in faith. The phrase "ought to bear" has the meaning of to be indulgent to, to endure patiently, and not to contend with. Look also at Galatians 6:2. In verse 2, neighbor has a special reference to the members of the church.

Colossians 3:12-14

In living for God each day, we are to imitate Christ's compassionate, forgiving attitude (verses 12 and 13) and allow love to guide our lives (verse 14). Everything we do should be done in the name of Jesus.

Proverbs 18:24

We all need friends who will stick close, who will listen and who care. We should seek to be that kind to others as well as seek to have that kind. Be a true friend. It is better to have and be such a friend than many less reliable companions.