

Series: Seven Additions to Faith
Title: Brotherly Kindness
2 Peter 1:7

Introduction

Peter says that Christ's divine power has given to us all things that *pertain* to life and godliness and that He has called us to glory and virtue and given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these we may be partakers of the divine nature and escape the corruption *that is* in the world through lust.

1. Before developing a genuine concern and passion for those who do not know Christ, we must learn to _____ and respect our brothers and sisters in Christ.
2. In Christ, we are a Christian _____.
3. It is a strong and spiritual family that _____ together.
4. Brotherly kindness responds without _____ or distinction.
5. Of course, we still have our individual distinctions, yet we all possess the _____ characteristics of being made in the likeness of God.
6. It is the _____ of God that makes us all fit together.
7. No matter what someone else's place in the family of God is – there is still a place for you, and your place is special and _____ to you!
8. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, by your _____ one to another."

I. A Tender Affection

9. The Greek word “_____” is Love expressed with tender affection.
10. In the family of God, we have to learn not only how to get along with people but how to _____ them because they're part of the body of Christ.
11. Some people won't _____ in the family because they don't want to risk getting hurt.
12. Sights and misunderstandings, and _____ will inevitably occur in every family.
13. _____ from the family is not an option!
14. As a Christian, we are to _____ people the way God accepts us!
15. We must learn to accept people for what they are and for who they are and let the Holy Spirit do the _____ while we learn to do the accepting.

II. A Touch That Heals

16. One of the problems that we face as a body of believers is that many churches are made up of more spectators than _____.
17. We can't effectively _____ God's plan without one another in the body of Christ.
18. Brotherly kindness is the _____ of godliness.
19. One thing that impacted people during the earthly ministry of Jesus was His healing _____.

20. Brotherly Kindness causes you to _____ when a healing touch is needed and share Christ's healing touch with others.

III. A Tie That Binds

21. Brotherly Kindness causes you to recognize and reach out to meet a person's _____.

22. There are a lot of lonely and _____ people in this world.

23. _____ is something you learn in a family or at least something you should learn in a family.

24. Obviously, not every family is _____.

25. Christian _____ loves in a healthy way, with brotherly (or sisterly) kindness.

26. Those who pursue brotherly kindness consider the _____ on others before they speak and do things. People are this world's most incredible resource.

27. Brotherly Kindness is about tending the garden of God and being our brother's _____.

28. You can't _____ family or personal happiness!

29. Each of us has unique gifts and _____ that God has given us.

Conclusion

30. The Bible says that _____ we do in word or deed, we should do it in the name of the Lord.

31. Christian _____ requires us to look after the interest and welfare of others.

We are all equally important in the eyes of God. We may have different abilities and gifts, but God does not place value based on talent. He values us based on relationship. Jesus said, "By this shall all men know that you are my disciples. If you have love one for another."

Answers

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| 1. love | 12. hurts | 23. Love |
| 2. family | 13. Withdrawal | 24. healthy |
| 3. sticks | 14. accept | 25. maturity |
| 4. partiality | 15. changing | 26. impact |
| 5. unifying | 16. participators | 27. keeper |
| 6. image | 17. fulfill | 28. fake |
| 7. unique | 18. child | 29. talents |
| 8. love | 19. touch | 30. whatever |
| 9. phileo | 20. recognize | 31. maturity |
| 10. like | 21. need | |
| 11. participate | 22. hurting | |

QUESTIONS FOR MEDITATION

1. Have you ever been hurt by someone in the church? How did the hurt affect your walk with Christ? How did you (or are you currently) work thru the offense to restore fellowship with the body of Christ?
2. Have you ever been blessed by having a body of believers "lay hands" on you in prayer? If so, how did it make you feel and how did it affect the situation?
3. How can I use the gifts and talents God has given me to the benefit of someone in the body of Christ this week? How can I further develop and apply these talents going forward?