

# Brotherly Kindness



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- **“Brotherly kindness is the proper good will and help and affection shown to brethren in Christ. ...help to fellow Christians in times of need and distress.” J.W. Roberts**

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- “As God is our Father, his children are our brethren...the obligation to love them is clear...” Guy N. Woods

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- “There are many traits to be admired in the lives of men, but one of the very best is that of brotherly kindness. This virtue does not come as a natural gift...(it) is something on which we must all work...”  
Malcolm Hill

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# What The N.T. Teaches About Brotherly Love

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- Rom. 12:10
- 1 Th. 4:9-10
- Heb. 13:1
- 1Jn. 4:7, 21
- Jn. 13:34-35
- Jn. 15:12

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- Love is the mark or token which separates and distinguishes us from the world
- Some religions use robes, symbols, beads, etc

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- **New Testament Christians are to be recognized by their love**
- **“The heathen are wont to exclaim with wonder, ‘See how they love one another.’”  
Tertullian 160-220 A.D.**

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# How To Grow In Brotherly <sup>8</sup> Love

- **By asking God to help us grow in love**
- **By reading about the life of Christ**
- **By reading the Bible**

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# How To Grow In Brotherly <sup>9</sup> Love

- **By carefully weighing our every thought and word**
- **Prov. 25:11**
- **Be careful about “saying what you think”—many pride themselves in doing this**

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# How To Grow In Brotherly Love <sup>10</sup>

- “Being blunt and harsh is certainly no virtue. We can all think of many unkind things to say, but Christianity will not permit us to do so. Those who bruise hearts and souls with words are not practicing brotherly kindness.” Malcolm Hill

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# How To Grow In Brotherly Love <sup>11</sup>

- **By observing the lives of mature Christians**
- Remember some dear Christian brother or sister who was filled with brotherly love and follow their good example

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# How To Grow In Brotherly Love <sup>12</sup>

- **By doing deeds of kindness**
- **Be willing to endure hardships for others-practice self denial for the good of the brethren-bear the weakness and faults of our brethren**

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# How To Grow In Brotherly Love <sup>13</sup>

- Be concerned with the Spiritual welfare of our brethren-help our brethren when they are in need
- 1 Jn. 3:16-18

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# Conclusion

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- One of our duties as a Christian is to grow in brotherly love
- Heb. 13:1

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