

Text: 1 Corinthians 3:9 and 2 Peter 1:1-11
Topic: Spiritual Growth in the Church
Study: The Church is a field: Guide to Maturity
First Corinthians
Week 7 of 8
Series 7

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The Eight Spiritual *Values* of Highly Effective Christians
“Brotherly Kindness”

WHAT DOES KINDNESS DO?

1) Helps _____

2) Believes _____

3) Never _____

Text for today: 2 Peter 1:3-10
5 But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, 6 to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, 7 to godliness **brotherly kindness**, and to brotherly kindness love. 8 For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. 9 For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins. 10 Therefore

Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message. Take time this week to study and write out your response to each of these questions. This will help drive home the point of today's message and will help you to apply the principles to your life situation.

- 1) Write and commit to memory Romans 12:9-13

- 2) Brotherly kindness (phileo love) involves love of fellow believers, or your neighbor; alertness to their needs, and gentleness in meeting them. *It is giving of your acceptance, assistance, and assets to others as an expression of God's love. It is treating people as God would.*

- a) Many Christians would consider this virtue as the most **un**important in the list so far. Why do you think that this topic was important enough for God to include among the things we should be making every effort to add to our faith?

- 3) Have you notice when there is an offense it is very difficult initially to love the offender. When offense comes, do you react in a carnal way, or do your respond with the fruit of the Spirit? Write down some scriptures to back-up your action.

- a) I have seen lots of people who love other people when it is not hard. You don't get rewards for this type of action. Read Matthew 5:10-11
 b) For whose sake are you doing this for? _____

- 4) What you do for Christ's name has consequences. Can you imagine if every individual person that attends River of Life actually began to make a serious effort to add this seventh virtue to their Christian life? What kind of difference do you think it would make in our church? What effect would it have on you?

- 4) The opposite of Brother Kindness is to be **un**kind. Identify areas in your life where you still need to cultivate a Godly affection for others. (Kindness does not give-up on others)

- 5) Identify those in your life whom you find it hard to show unconditional love and affection. Make every effort this week to do acts of kindness toward this individual. Be GODLIKE!