

# Building Blocks Of Faith: An Obvious And Observable Love For Others!

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### Building Blocks Of Faith, Pt. 7

**2 Peter 1:5**, For this very reason, make every effort to add to your faith goodness; and to goodness, 6 knowledge; and to knowledge, self-control; and to self-control, perseverance; and to perseverance, godliness; 7 and to godliness, mutual affection...

Brotherly kindness translates to one Greek word, philadelphia, a common word used to describe relationships of love with a family.

“Brotherly love normally referred to the love members of a family held for each other (this was the way it was used in secular Greek) and would not normally be used to describe the love between members of different families.”

“Mutual Affection: In the NT, philadelphia is used to describe the love that believers possess for one to another, for even though they were members of different natural families, they were united in Christ.”

“Mutual Affection is a fervent practical caring for others and thus is closely linked with godliness.”

“Mutual Affection is not just a passive disposition of fondness but manifests itself in overt acts of kindness toward the brethren.”

“Remember that Christianity forged a radical relationship in Christ wherein believing Greeks and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, Scythians, slaves and freemen, men and women were now all one in their Lord. Such a diverse cultural community would have continual need for emphasis on love of the brethren.”

**John 13:34**, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

**1 Thessalonians 4:9**, Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. 10 And in fact, you do love all of God's family throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers and sisters, to do so more and more.

### **Two Traits Of Unfriendly People:**

#### **1 - Unfriendly People Are SPIRITUALLY ARROGANT**

**1 Corinthians 13:1**, If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. 2 If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. 3 If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

#### **2 - Unfriendly People Constantly TEAR OTHERS DOWN**

**1 Peter 1:22**, Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart.

**1 Peter 2:1**, Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation.

### **Five Traits Of Friendly People:**

#### **1 - Friendly People Honor And RESPECT OTHERS**

**Romans 12:10**, Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

#### **2 - Friendly People Welcome NEWCOMERS**

**Hebrews 13:1**, Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters. 2

Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers...

**1 Thessalonians 3:12**, May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you.

### **3 - Friendly People CELEBRATE & CRY With Others**

**Romans 12:15**, Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.

### **4 - Friendly People FORGIVE A Bunch**

1 Peter 4:8, Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins.

### **5 - Friendly People Refuse To RETALIATE**

**1 Peter 3:8**, Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. **9** Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

### **Putting This Message Into Practice:**

1 - Make a list of the areas in your life where you demonstrate unfriendly characteristics.

2 - Make a list of people in your life you struggle to be friendly with and ask God to help you demonstrate friendliness toward them.

3 - Go to the Connect Wall and find out more about the Church, or find a Life Group on campus, or a Home Group.