

## THE NEED TO GET ALONG (2)

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(5). "A SOFT ANSWER TURNETH AWAY WRATH: BUT GRIEVOUS WORDS STIR UP ANGER." (Proverbs 15:1) Be open minded and respectful to others who may disagree with you. It is a sign of growth and maturity to be able to disagree without being "disagreeable". (Romans 14:1; 2 Timothy 2:24)

(6). "LET NO CORRUPT COMMUNICATION PROCEED OUT OF YOUR MOUTH BUT THAT WHICH IS GOOD TO THE USE OF EDIFYING ... "(Ephesians 4:29) Discourage gossip. Never say something about another person unless it is good. If a brother has sinned against you, go to your brother (Matthew 18:15-18). If someone wants to talk about others to you, don't listen and send them to the person so they can directly talk to them!! (Proverbs 16:20)

(7). "FULFILL YE MY JOY THAT YE BE LIKE-MINDED, HAVING THE SAME LOVE, BEING OF ONE ACCORD, OF ONE MIND." (Philippians 2:2) We all have different backgrounds and different abilities, but through Christ we are all one. He is our "common ground." "Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus." (Philippians 2:3-5)

(8). "FOR BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE JUSTIFIED, AND BY THY WORDS THOU SHALT BE CONDEMNED." (Matthew 12: 37) Be considerate of one another!

(9). "LET YOUR LIGHT SO SHINE BEFORE MEN, THAT THEY MAY SEE YOUR GOOD WORKS AND GLORIFY YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN." (MATTHEW5:16) Actions speak louder than words. Christians must always seek to be good examples to others. Remember, the child of God is seeking to bring the sinner out of the darkness of sin into the Light of Christ!

(10). "AND LET US NOT GROW WEARY WHILE DOING GOOD, FOR IN DUE SEASON WE SHALL REAP IF WE DO NOT LOSE HEART. THEREFORE, AS WE HAVE OPPORTUNITY, LET US DO GOOD TO ALL, ESPECIALLY TO THOSE WHO ARE OF THE HOUSEHOLD OF FAITH." (Galatians 6:9,10)

We can only have the proper attitude towards one another if we have the proper attitude towards our Father and His Word. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life." (John 3:16) There is not a single person on earth that is worthy of that sacrifice. – period!

How well do we demonstrate our love and appreciation for everything God has done and continues to do for us? Can others see clearly the thankfulness in our hearts for all of God's blessings in our lives? Do they understand, by my words and actions, He is the source of all that I have and hope to have in this life?

Jesus, in the wonderful Sermon on the Mount, gave what is commonly known as the "golden rule," "Therefore, whatever you want men to do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets." (Matthew 7:12) Can it be said we treat others as we desire them to treat us?

Following these simple guidelines in every relationship we have will make our lives richer and fuller. Never forget we "have been bought with a price and are not our own," 1 Corinthians 6:20. All of us belong to the family of God and we should love one another and always strive to "get along." Such a family makes us attractive for others to want to be added to our family!! \*\*\*