

The Stature of a Perfect Man

Pt4 Brotherly Kindness

2 Peter 1:4-10

4 Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

5 And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge;

6 And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness;

7 And to godliness **brotherly kindness**; and to brotherly kindness charity.

8 For if these things be in you, and abound, they make you that ye shall neither be barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

9 But he that lacketh these things is blind, and cannot see afar off, and hath forgotten that he was purged from his old sins.

10 Wherefore the rather, brethren, give diligence to make your calling and election sure: for if ye do these things, ye shall never fall:

Brotherly Kindness

KINDNESS, noun [from kind, the adjective.]

1. Good will; benevolence; that temper or disposition which delights in contributing to the happiness of others, which is exercised cheerfully in gratifying their wishes, supplying their wants or alleviating their distresses; benignity of nature.

kindness ever accompanies love.

315 Somebody said, not long ago, said, “How can you believe these things the way you do, and still go to the Assemblies of God, and the Oneness, all the rest?” Then put, see, **brotherly kindness**. See? See? Hoping, someday, see; patient with him,

see; temperant, enduring with him; knowledge, to understand what he believes, remember, it's in his heart, that's what is; virtue, in yourself, to let it go out with kindness, meekness, to him; having faith that someday God will bring him in. See?

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351 And now we've put the Blood of Jesus Christ in, see, and that brings the faith of Jesus Christ, the virtue of Jesus Christ, the knowledge of Jesus Christ, the temperance of Jesus Christ, the patience of Jesus Christ, the godliness of Jesus Christ, the

brotherly kindness of Jesus Christ, and the love of God, which is Jesus Christ. He's the Head and controls you. And your feet is the foundation, faith. Amen! Controlled by the Head, takes

the...?...**There you are. There is the perfect man of God, when he possesses these virtues.**

352 Then, God, representing His Church as a Bride, a woman. God represents His Church as a Bride. And the way He brings each individual to being His son, to go in that Bride, He also has

brought the Bride through these ages, [Brother Branham taps on his chalkboard seven times—Ed.] till He brings this one complete Church into this. **The Capstone**

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125 Now, the honey represented brotherly love, brotherly kindness, which is this age. I just got through telling, see, of brotherly kindness, the age that we live in now.

126 Now, you might say, “Look, I—I—I sure don’t like Brother Neville.” Or, “I sure don’t like Brother Jones. I don’t like Brother So-and-so,” and something like that. But just let something

happen to him, brother, your heart is broke. It just nearly killed you. See? We can obtain brotherly kindness and feeling for one another. See? But to maintain in a group of people...

127 Why do you care for that brother? Because you’ve broke bread with him here at the altar, as you will tonight. You fellowship with him. You shook his hands. You worship with him. He’s your brother. And he might do something in the flesh, that

you would disagree with, because you just kind of stay, (which you oughtn't to do), but shun him a little. But in the bottom of your heart, if something happened to that brother, it would just nearly kill you, or that sister.

128 I—I'm an old man. I was once young, and now I'm old. I've seen it, down through the age, do that. Hear people say, "I just won't have no more to do with him." And something happen to

that man, it nearly kills him. He thinks, "O God, I let my precious brother go, without making friends with him." You see? See? See? It's brotherly love. It looks like it won't stick, but it does stick. The honey, it sticks. 62-1104M - Blasphemous Names

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

2 To speak evil of no man, to be no brawlers, but gentle, shewing all meekness unto all men.

3 For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another.

4 But after that the kindness and love of God our Saviour toward man appeared,

5 Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost;

6 Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour;

7 That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life.

Colossians 3:12 Put on therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, bowels of mercies, kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, longsuffering;

13 Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.

14 And above all these things put on charity, which is the bond of perfectness.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith the Lord that hath mercy on thee.

Joel 2:12 Therefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning:

13 And rend your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of **great kindness**, and repenteth him of the evil

57 Notice, a mother, she can be ever so mean and cruel, but just before that baby's born, there's a certain **kindness** that sets in. Did you ever notice a mother when she's to be mother?

There's something sweet about her; she always takes on that sweetness. It's because that that little angel, little spirit, a little messenger to this little tabernacle is ready to come forth into the world. And then, when this little angel comes into the body

(that's a little angel of the earth, a spirit that's ordained of God to take this body), then that baby has to have a choice. It makes its decision. Then when this takes place, then, you see, the Angel of the Lord now comes in here, which is a spiritual body, that Eternal.

58 This is a dying spirit in a dying body; but now, you can't be in two bodies at one time, but there can be two natures in you at one time. Now, the nature of the Spirit of the Lord...When you're borned again, you're not borned of physical, like the baby was; but what's happened, the spiritual birth has come to you. And

while this spiritual birth is growing into your heart, of God, there is a physical or a celestial body growing to receive that spirit. And when the life leaves this body, it goes to that body. Just as

when the body is presented to the earth, the spirit comes in, and when the spirit goes out of the body, there is a body waiting.

“For we know that after this earthly tabernacle be dissolved, we have one already waiting.” See? That’s it, the spiritual body of the people.64-0830E - Questions And Answers #4

129 God gives mercy to those who call for mercy. All that call for mercy shall receive mercy.

130 Notice this harlot, she said, **“I’ll show kindness.”** Watch, she didn’t have to see Joshua. She didn’t know the way he combed his hair, the clothes he wore. She said, “I have heard that God is with you.” That’s all she wanted to know.

131 And I tell you, today, brother, it ain’t how you comb your hair, or what you do, or what kind of clothes you wear, what kind of a Ph.D. you got. **“I hear that God is among you,”** that’s the main thing. We want to know where God is among this.

132 Watch the organizations. Look where they’re going to. Is God among the organizations? If it is, then He’s leading them straight to the Council of Churches, and back to the mark of the beast. God is not in that.

133 God is in His Word, for He is the Word. That's exactly. "I have heard." And faith cometh not by hearing the council, but the Word. Hearing the Word!

134 They seen this, and they knowed. She knowed it was the truth. She asked for mercy, watch, for both her and her family. She asked for her and her family, just like they did in Egypt.

63-1128E - The Token

201 The Shunammite woman was persistent in the presence of Elijah. Elijah come by and blessed her, and told her that she would have a son. The son got about twelve years old. Out in

the field, he must have had a sunstroke. This woman had been very kind to Elijah. She was a Shunammite woman, and she came from the land of Shunem.

And she find out...She said to her husband, being a rich man, she said, "I perceive that this man that passes by here is a holy man." She said, "Let's do him some kindness." Said, "Let's build

him a little room on our side of the house here, when he comes by, and put him a little bed and a pitcher out there, so he can rest himself." And her husband said, "That would be very nice."

202 "So you do something to these little ones, you do it unto Me," Jesus said 63-1116E - Perseverance

1 Peter 1:21-23

21 Who by him do believe in God, that raised him up from the dead, and gave him glory; that your faith and hope might be in God.

22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:

23 Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.

John 13:33-35

33 Little children, yet a little while I am with you. Ye shall seek me: and as I said unto the Jews, Whither I go, ye cannot come; so now I say to you.

34 A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.

35 By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.

John 1:15

John bare witness of him, and cried, saying, This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh after me is **preferred** before me: for he was before me.

Romans 12:10

Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

42 Simeon, this great old saint of God, he was a man of great reputation. Oh, today they happen to say, “But wait a minute, sir, I’m a businessman. I’m a doctor. I’m—I’m a professor.” You’re no better than anybody else. And whenever you think you’re

better than somebody else, then you’re nothing that you ought to be, the Scripture says. See? When you get to a place... You got to... How can you have faith when you’re expecting honor one from another? See? You must prefer one another always.

That’s the life of Christ, to prefer your brother, sister. And if they are wrong, that’s all right. You’ll never make them any better by kicking them around. Put an arm around and pick him up. I like this old-time religion. I’ll tell you what it’ll do, it’ll—it’ll

make a tuxedo suit set by a pair of overalls, and put a arm around one another, and call each other brother. That’s right. It’ll make a calico dress and a silk one call one another sister. It sure will. It’s gun-barrel straight and sky-blue. And it—it’ll certainly do it. 61-0207 - Expectation

But that fellow wasn’t that kind of a fellow. He was a humble man. The main thing was to get Christ to his boy. But you see, a people who take the attitude, saying... Well, they feel like they’d be preferred before somebody else. They don’t get nothing from

God. Those who's willing to set back, those who's willing to—to give—**prefer one another.** That's the one who gets something from God. 48-0304 - The Angel Of God

194 I believe that Communion is one of the most solemn, sacred, sweetest worships there is in the church service. There was two things left us, three things, to do, that—that's orders and ordinances. So many people try to say, "We got a original nail." "We got a piece of the cross." But there was three things left: Lord's Supper, Baptism, Feetwashing, was the three orders that was left to the church.

195 And to me, tonight seemed to be a very special time for me. As I stood here and just watching; usually I—I'm constantly in prayer. But tonight, watching the different families, to see some of them families has come here since I was a boy preacher, stand here with sawdust floors, and I...some of them are new.

But watching the men come with their little wives and family, and see how they prefer one another, and the sacredness of that, how they watch their children; see the little lady and her hands reach out, and think, "That little hand's washed, and wiped the tears from the baby's eyes." 63-0901E - Desperations

Amen

Communion

1 Corinthians 11:23-34

23 For I have received of the Lord that which also I delivered unto you, that the Lord Jesus the same night in which he was betrayed took bread:

24 And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me.

25 After the same manner also he took the cup, when he had supped, saying, this cup is the new testament in my blood: this do ye, as oft as ye drink it, in remembrance of me.

26 For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye do shew the Lord's death till he come.

27 Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord.

28 But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup.

29 For he that eateth and drinketh unworthily, eateth and drinketh damnation to himself, not discerning the Lord's body.

30 For this cause many are weak and sickly among you, and many sleep.

31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

32 But when we are judged, we are chastened of the Lord, that we should not be condemned with the world.

33 Wherefore, my brethren, when ye come together to eat, tarry one for another.

34 And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I set in order when I come.

Foot Washing

John 13

1 Now before the feast of the passover, when Jesus knew that his hour was come that he should depart out of this world unto the Father, having loved his own which were in the world, he loved them unto the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having now put into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray him;

3 Jesus knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he was come from God, and went to God;

4 He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself.

5 After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded.

6 Then cometh he to Simon Peter: and Peter saith unto him, Lord, dost thou wash my feet?

7 Jesus answered and said unto him, What I do thou knowest not now; but thou shalt know hereafter.

8 Peter saith unto him, Thou shalt never wash my feet. Jesus answered him, If I wash thee not, thou hast no part with me.

9 Simon Peter saith unto him, Lord, not my feet only, but also my hands and my head.

10 Jesus saith to him, He that is washed needeth not save to wash his feet, but is clean every whit: and ye are clean, but not all.

11 For he knew who should betray him; therefore said he, Ye are not all clean.

12 So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you?

13 Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am.

14 If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet.

15 For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you.

16 Verily, verily, I say unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord; neither he that is sent greater than he that sent him.

17 If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them.

Amen,