

Study QUESTIONS

Ep. 1270: How Strong Are My Relationships? (Part III)

See:



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All questions are based on 1 Corinthians 13:4-7:

1. How do we measure the health of a Christian brotherhood relationship? What is *agape* love? How do we show respect for someone? How well does your life reflect selfless love and respect for the brotherhood?
2. What is the foundational theme for the brotherhood? How do we know this? To what new level of relationship did Jesus raise his disciples? How will this influence how Jesus treats them? How does Jesus talk about his invitation to his disciples? (See John 15:9-17, Hebrews 12:2)
3. What command did Jesus give his disciples in John 15:17? How do we know this also applies to us? How does Peter tell us to treat others in the brotherhood? What else do we need to add to make up for our imperfections? (See John 17, 1 Peter 1:22)
4. What causes common weaknesses to arise in Christian relationships? Who makes up this new fellowship in Christ? Why did true Christian fellowship begin at Pentecost? (See 1 Corinthians 13:4-6, Acts 2:41-42)
5. Why do we, as Christians, still have issues with each other?
In general: (James 4:1-2) *Individually:* (Romans 14:1-4) *Publicly:* (Romans 14:5-6)
Even if our position is correct, how can we be wrong? Why is this important? (See Romans 14:7-8)
Explain the concept of “principle over passion” in Romans 14:13-15.
6. What should I always bring to the table in my Christian brotherhood relationships? How does love:
rejoice with the truth? (See John 18:1)
believe all things? (See John 18:2-3, Mark 14:43-44, Luke 22:47, Matthew 26:49-50, Romans 12:9-10)
bear all things? (See John 18:4-9, Romans 12:11)
hope all things? (See John 18:10-11, Luke 22:51, Matthew 26:52-53, Romans 12:12, Proverbs 15:1)
endure all things? (See Matthew 26:54, John 18:11, Luke 22:51, Romans 12:13)
7. How can I contribute to my Christian brotherhood relationships even if others seem distant? How can we fail love if love never fails? How should we approach our brethren when they are struggling according to 1 Corinthians 12:12-26? (See 1 Corinthians 13:8, Romans 12:1-2, Matthew 25:40)
Consider and comment on sacrifice, equality, respect, God’s workmanship, inclusion, communal suffering.
8. How are you doing in being selfless and pure in heart? Are you a blessing to your brethren? What are you contributing to your Christian brotherhood? How can you improve? (See 1 Peter 3:8-9)