

LOVE ONE ANOTHER

LOVE GOD

II Peter 1:5-7

But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love.

Matthew 5:3-10

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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FAITH

Hebrews 11:1 - ‘Faith is’

Hebrews 11:6 - ‘without faith . . .’

Romans 10:17 - ‘Faith comes . . .’

No one comes to saving faith apart from acknowledging their need for a Savior!

2 Corinthians 7:10 “For Godly sorrow produces repentance leading to salvation, not to be regretted, but the sorrow of the world produces death.”

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“Blessed are

The poor in spirit,

Poor = destitute, spiritually bankrupt, beggar!

VIRTUE

Goodness or moral excellence = the power that comes when we give in, give up, surrender to The One who is greater than ourself!

IMPORTANT: *must help new believers deal with generational sins/curses!*

they who mourn,

Joel 2:12-13 - tears of repentance

James 4:8-10

2 Cor. 12:21 - Paul’s concern - lamenting over one’s sin and depravity!! Initial . . . then ongoing!

KNOWLEDGE

Primarily a seeking to know . . . especially of spiritual truth.

vs. 5-6 = 'gnosis'

Don't Stop . . . This should never end for a believer.

vs. 2, 3, & 8 = 'epignosis'

Participation in getting to know!!

Knowledge that transforms is both informative and experiential.

SELF CONTROL

Instant obedience to the initial promptings of the Holy Spirit!

The power of my will in submission to God's will.

Gal. 5:23 - fruit of the spirit

Dynamics of teamwork

The Kingdom of God flows along the lines of relationship!

PERSEVERANCE (Patience)

Greek: hupomene - an abiding under

***Same word as in Romans 5:3-5**

" . . . tribulation produces perseverance;" (NKJV)

" . . . tribulation worketh patience;" (KJV)

" . . . suffering produces perseverance;" (NIV)

" . . . suffering produces endurance," (ESV)

If we are short on patience, then what we need is God's mercy . . . and emptied of pride, selfwill and judgement!

the meek,

Meekness - 'God tamed'

Moses - Exodus

Joseph - Gen. 37-45

Learning to accept God's dealings with us as good!!

James 3:3 - "Indeed, we put bits in horses' mouths that they may obey us, and we turn their whole body!"

The 'bit' becomes the instrument in the hand of the Master!

The 'classrooms' of submission, teachability and authority

those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,

Righteousness is the character or quality of being right or just and conforms to the revealed will of God!

Ps. 42:1-2

Do we want God more than we want to satisfy our selfish appetites??

the merciful,

Jesus modeled mercy for us on the cross - He was actively compassionate!

"Father, forgive them . . ."

Learning to walk in the power of forgiveness!

Partnering Ministries

Freedom Through Forgiveness

Fresh Start for All Nations

Rebekah's Story

GODLINESS

Godward attitude - does that which is well-pleasing to God. To worship well!!

On a team, the team goal must be greater than ones personal desires.

Inner motives exposed!!

the pure in heart,

Prov. 4:23 “Guard your heart with all diligence”

vs. 24 - what we say

vs. 25 - what we see

vs. 26 - how we walk

A pure heart frees us from corrupt desires.

“As we behold Him . . . “

Allan Yuan’s wife’s countenance!!

BROTHERLY KINDNESS

Affectionate love toward fellow believers.

Freedom from having to ‘fix’ anyone.

Bob Swanger - seeing others the way God sees them - destiny!

the peacemakers,

Always helping others to see things from God’s perspective.

Widsom from above - James 3:17-18

The genuine care about others . . . “Lord, help me to see others the way You do!”

LOVE - agape

Conveying our Heavenly Father’s attitude and will toward those who are created in His image.

Walking in the revelation of the Father’s love.

Book - “He Loves Me!!”

My Utmost for His Highest - May 11

2 Peter 1:5, 7

“ . . . add to your . . . brotherly kindness, love . . . ”

“ . . . the Holy Spirit reveals to me that God loved me not because I was lovable, but because it was His nature to do so.”

“Am I prepared to be identified so closely with the Lord Jesus Christ that His life and His sweetness will be continually poured out through me?”

An estimated 100 million Christians worldwide suffer interrogation, arrest and even death for their faith in Christ.

those who are persecuted for righteousness sake,

The love of God is perfected in persecution!

1 Peter 4:1, 13 & 14

Results:

vs. 1 - set free from sin

vs. 13 - filled with joy

vs. 14 - the glory of God rests on you