

## 14. Brotherly Kindness

Brotherly kindness is rendered “brotherly love” or “love for the brethren”. In the original Greek, the word used is “philadelphos” – to love one’s fellow countryman. In the Christian community, it sums up the support of Christians to each other.

### Begin memorizing Romans 12:10 (NKJV)

**“Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another.”**

1. What do we read about God’s kindness? Nehemiah 9:17

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2. How long will God’s kindness endure? Isaiah 54:8

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The Lord’s kindness had no beginning and it has no end: It is eternal.

3. According to Ephesians 2:6-7 how does God show His kindness to us?

Vs. 7 \_\_\_\_\_

4. Read Titus 3:4-7 and tell what God’s kindness has done for mankind?

Vs 5 \_\_\_\_\_

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Note: Kindness and goodness are synonymous in the Scripture references of this study.

5. According to the following Scriptures, are we able to teach ourselves brotherly love?

1 Thessalonians 4:9 \_\_\_\_\_

1 John 4:7 \_\_\_\_\_

6. God’s Word is our spiritual good. Read 1 Peter 2:2-3 and write that which we want to taste of Him.

Vs. 3 \_\_\_\_\_

“Gracious” = Good, kind, obliging, courteous. Let us constantly taste of His kindness as we feed upon His Word.

7. What are ways of being kind to others according to the follow scriptures?

Ephesians 4:32 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Romans 15:1-2 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Matthew 25:35-40 Vs 35 \_\_\_\_\_  
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Vs. 36 \_\_\_\_\_  
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8. Read Acts 14:14-18 and write the different ways that we witness the Lord's kindness? Vs. 17

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9. What is the purpose of God's kindness or goodness in Romans 2:4?

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10. Read Romans 11:22. Consider the kindness and sternness of God. Write out your personal expression of thanks to your Heavenly Father for His kindness toward you.

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11. What does Hebrews 13:1 tell us?

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Brotherly kindness is a mutual love that children of the same father share. In the New Testament it always means love of the fellow believer because we all have the same Heavenly Father.

As our love for the brethren develops and matures, we will come even closer to God in being like Him. As we become more like Him, we will come to love unconditionally as He loves.

12. Is your love a conditional love or unconditional love?

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Write out your memory verse:

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13. Do you have any questions, problems or comments that you would like to share with us?

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