

When Brotherly Love Does not Flow



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The Commandment



- Our Theme for the Month: “A new commandment I give unto you, that ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another.”.
- Let us love one another – 1 John 4:7-10.
- Brotherly love – 1 Thes. 4: 9
- Let Brotherly love continue – Heb. 13: 1-3.

Hindrances to the Flow of Brotherly Love



- Self-love: This can be self-centredness – Prov. 30:15. The daughters here are self-righteous and self pity. The antidote to this is the example of Jesus in Ph. 2: 5- 10.
- Pride: John 2:15 – The Bible describes this as the pride of life which can translate into (position, wealth, pedigree, etc.). This engenders scheming, (see Mat. 20:20-28).
- Sectarian spirit – 1 Cor. 3: 3-9.
- Lack of forbearance - This happens when there is lack of patience, lack of understanding, lack of tolerance, lack of appreciation. 2 Pet. 3:9; Eph 4: 2; and Eph. 5:1-2.