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Then His mother and His brothers arrived, and standing outside they sent word to Him and called Him. 32 A crowd was sitting around Him, and they said to Him, **“Behold, Your mother and Your brothers are outside looking for You.”** 33 Answering them, He said, **“Who are My mother and My brothers?”** 34 Looking about at those who were sitting around Him, **He said, “Behold My mother and My brothers!** 35 **“For whoever does the will of God, he is My brother and sister and mother.”**

Mark 3:31-35

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Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, **for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;** **10** for indeed you do practice it toward all the brethren who are in all Macedonia. But we urge you, brethren, to **excel still more,** **1 Thessalonians 4:9-10**

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What does family love include?

- Endurance/Commitment
- Something beyond “It” – see beyond sins
- Aware of needs
- Trust - effort to build & maintain trust
- Ties together
- Being there, thinking the best (1 Cor. 16, believes all things, hopes all things) willing to confront
- Responsibility (carry the blame, shame, carry the work of building & maintaining)
- Deal with thing on small scale to avoid larger problems
- Loyalty – mutual care (own the care)
- Imperfect moving toward this standard

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**So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people,
and especially to those who are of the household of the faith.**

Galatians 6:10

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Thoughts on brotherly-kindness/familial love and your responsibility as result of a gaze at Christ?

- We must carefully define pride so it can be exposed & dealt with, so free to grow in brotherly love (i.e. That keeps me from sharing needs, that demands others meet my needs Gal. 6:1-3)
- I must decrease Phil. 2:3 give preference to others
- Must have a well from which to replenish this brotherly love
- Christ is not only the source, but the example of steward or grave consequences for “almost”

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Romans 13:8

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But the goal of our instruction is love from a pure heart and a good conscience and a sincere faith. 6 For some men, straying from these things, have turned aside to fruitless discussion,

1 Timothy 1:5-6

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and hope does not disappoint, because the **love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.** 6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 **But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.**

Romans 5:5-8

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Now concerning things sacrificed to idols, we know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge makes arrogant, but love edifies. 2 If anyone supposes that he knows anything, he has not yet known as he ought to know; 3 but if anyone loves God, he is known by Him.

1 Corinthians 8:1-3

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Thoughts on the work of love as a result of your gaze at Christ?

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So then, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure.

Philippians 2:12-13

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What happens to these focuses in our daily lives? Where do they fit throughout our day, even in our desire to live and please God?

- Compete with other habits, so lose focus on them
- Content with amount we have of many of them
- Must connect these to our desire to live to please God; they are attached to divine nature God saved you to share; must ask Him to change our will
- These get lost in “fleshly” moments of day; takes “mind of Christ” to see them throughout daily tasks
- Perhaps so afraid we can't get it, that we miss the resources God has given to work these in our lives

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- Rom 4:18-20 – lifting up the promises of God
- By periodic spiritual check-ups that looks for which of these is missing b/c healthy growth will have these flowing from + building on each other
- Look for evidence that the change/work done is result of look beyond ourselves and immediate results (faithful and joyful service)
- First direction we head when trying to grow in these shows source i.e.) prayer – dependence – shows where help comes from and who we are seeking to please
- Looking to grow in humility – are you praying for this
- Proverbs 2:4 fervor, zeal, work—that life FILLED w this characteristic in looking for God's kingdom purposes throughout our day—preparation in this vein

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Who is concerned about being useful/fruitful? What feelings and identity issues are addressed in verse 8?

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that their hearts may be encouraged, having been knit together in love, and attaining to all the wealth that comes from the full assurance of understanding, resulting in a true knowledge of God's mystery, that is, Christ Himself, 3 in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge.

Colossians 2:2-3

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and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you;

1 Thessalonians 3:12

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Our people must also **learn to engage in good deeds** to meet pressing needs, **so that they will not be unfruitful.**

Titus 3:14

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These qualities are meant for display. They are lived before and benefit other people. What makes these qualities seem even more difficult when tied to relationships God has given us?

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What hope inspiring courage to keep going with effort toward vv. 5-7 virtues do we find in verse 8?

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To whom would verse 8 be incentive to keep going in the direction of vv. 5-7? (describe this person—what would they value)

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But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, reasonable, full of mercy and good fruits, unwavering, without hypocrisy. 18 And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:17-18

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“Some of the most effective Christians I have known are people without dramatic talents and special abilities, or even exciting personalities; yet God has used them in a marvelous way. Why? Because they are becoming more and more like Jesus Christ. They have the kind of character and conduct that God can trust with blessing. They are fruitful because they are faithful; they are effective because they are growing in their Christian experience.”

Warren Wiersbe

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If these qualities are yours/increasing, “you will at length prove that Christ is really known by you for the knowledge of Christ is an efficacious thing and a living root, which brings forth fruit.” **“Those who possess Christ without newness of life, have never been rightly taught his doctrine.”** John Calvin

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whose end is destruction, whose god is their appetite, and whose glory is in their shame, who set their minds on earthly things. **20** For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ;

Philippians 3:19–20