

“Let Brotherly Love Continue”

By Elder Oscar B. Mink (Now with The Lord)

“*Let brotherly love continue.*” Hebrews 13:1

The spiritual Christian will readily admit there is much wrong in his discipleship, and that he comes miserably short in his service to God and his brothers and sisters in the church. Being aware of these unsavory facts should serve to make us reluctant to severely criticize those who are walking with us in the troubled path of faith. The least scrutiny of our brothers and sisters will reveal much which we consider to run counter to the honor of God, and the best interest of the church. On the other hand, the scrutiny being honest, we will discover much in our dear brothers and sisters that is honest, and worthy of compliment. We are not saying, withhold all criticism. No, loving and constructive criticism can be the means of enriching love, correcting error, and contribute to the welfare of the church.

Destructive criticism of a brother or sister is grievously wrong, and severe criticism must come only after the effect has been wisely and prayerfully calculated. The flesh takes a certain satisfaction from “Telling him off”, but it often follows that we look back on our time of temper venting, and conclude, I wish I hadn’t said that; or, I could have handled that in a far better way. More good has been accomplished by a pat on the back, than by a finger in the face. We may not relish humble pie, but the inner man thrives on it, and to deny our self this spiritual delicacy is to lower the flammability point of the depraved, harsh and unkind passions. The devil hates church harmony, peace, and unity. He loves to see discord among the brethren, gossip, and negative attitudes. Yet, the devil cannot create in the church these ill conditions apart from help within the church. Christ said, “it is impossible but that offenses will come: but woe unto him, through whom they come” (Luke 17:1). The devil is the arch rival of God, infinitely hates the blood bought church of Jesus Christ, and is determined to undo every member of the church. So, it behooves the members to promote one another, to pray fervently for one another, and to pay respect to one another. A kind word of appreciation can go a long way in disarming the spirit that is caught in the gall of bitterness. After all, it is the meek who inherit the earth, and our Lord said, “I am meek and lowly in heart.”

Let us give the church our best, and God will give the best to us.



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“The most important things to remember in a marriage.”

By Pastor Randy Johnson

“And he answered and said unto them, Have ye not read, that he which made them at the beginning made them male and female, (5) And said, For this cause shall a man leave father and mother, and shall cleave to his wife: and they twain shall be one flesh? (6) Wherefore they are no more twain, but one flesh. What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.” Matthew 19:4 - 6

One of the most important steps that a man and woman will do in life is to enter the bonds of wedlock. This is a bond with vows to one another promised before God, and therefore the importance of it is astronomical. First, marriage is a lifetime commitment promised before God to love and keep each other “until death do you apart”. God said when a man and woman enters these bonds “*they are no more twain, but one flesh*”. In marriage there is a moral and physical union, so that two people become virtually one being. The only real object that should keep two people from becoming husband and wife is their Christian status, a believer should never marry a non-believer, it’s not going to work because God said it would not. A true believer will never be able to become one with a non-believer because God said they would not. God calls it being unequally yoked together, “*Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?*” 2 Corinthians 6:14 However, the more you can agree on before marriage the less concern of learning to agree on after marriage. True love between two people can fill a lot of holes in a relationship, but marriage truly takes two believers willing to boldly satisfy each other in Lord together. Just a caution and a warning here, also marring outside of your biblical faith is also dangerous, a husband and wife belong in church together. God and His word must be put front and center in a marriage, with both partners agreeing that the scripture will dictate the relationship. God said, “For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church...” Eph. 5:23 But notice here without reservation God said “...*as Christ is the head of the church...*” Everything Christ is to His church husbands are to the wife. God also said, “*Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church...*” V. 25 Husbands need to understand this “tall order”, that we are to be to our wives as Christ is to the church, never treat your wife anyway that Christ would not treat His church. The love that a man is to have for

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his wife is the willingness to give his life for her. The roll of a husband is one of authority as the “head of the wife and family” but one of pure love as Christ loves His church. Here is the roll of the wife, “*Therefore as the church is subject unto Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in every thing.*” The word “subject” means - to subordinate; reflexively to obey – or to live under submission to her husband. This is a relationship built under our relationship in God with Him being the Supreme authority by His word. Therefore, the subjection is not to be violated by disobeying God’s word. **We always obey God over man!** “*We ought to obey God rather than men.*” Act’s 5:29 Any man who abuses his wife is not worth the dirt on the ground, you cannot mistreat your wife and expect her to be obedient to you because you have violated the bonds of matrimony and the bond that God ordered. The only thing that will make a marriage work is to obey God and His word. God to church, learn what God desires of you as a couple and family. Grow in the teachings together, loving one another unconditionally as the Lord loves us. If we do this in our relationship, we will always be happy and satisfied, until death do us part. Cleave to one another, become one flesh, and do not allow anyone to interfere with what God has joined together. “*What therefore God hath joined together, let not man put asunder.*”



- **Our 19th Annual Bible Conference** is approaching quickly. Friday September 15th we will start at 6:00 and end about 7:45 there will be a meal and fellowship after. Saturday September 16th we will start at 9:00 and end around 4:00 with a meal and fellowship around noon.
- Happy Birthday to Brother Nathan Lavina Thursday the 24th

