

FAMILY MATTERS

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- ▣ Matt 22:36–40 – “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the great and foremost commandment.”
- ▣ Vs 39: “The second is like it, You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”

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Romans 12:10 – Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.

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Galations 6:2 – Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

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Galations 6:10 – 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.

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Ephesians 4:1,2 – Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love.

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James 5:16 – Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

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1 Peter 4:8,9 – Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. Be hospitable to one another without complaint.

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- ▣ I deny us both the connection that either one of us will need in the future

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- ▣ 1 John 4:11 – Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

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After everything Christ was willing to do for us, why is it so hard for us to do for each other?

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- ▣ 1 John 2:9–11 – The one who says he is in the Light and yet hates his brother is in the darkness until now. The one who loves his brother abides in the Light and this is no cause for stumbling in him. But the one who hates his brother is in the darkness and walks in the darkness, and does not know where he is going because the darkness has blinded his eyes.
- ▣ 1 John 3:10–17 – By this the children of God and the children of the devil are obvious: anyone who does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor the one who does not love his brother...
- ▣ 1 John 4:19–21 – We love, because He first loved us. If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for the one who does not love his brother whom he has seen, cannot love God whom he has not seen. And this commandment we have from Him, that the one who loves God should love his brother also.

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“People don’t get along on accident”

Randy Hilburn

Our relationship with our spiritual family is not something we can afford to ignore and not something we can wait to happen on it’s own.

We need to take action before it is too late.