

Sermon Notes

Next Step in Spiritually Maturing You Should Love Brothers through Actions

1 Peter 1:22-25

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This first chapter of 1 Peter is about your new life and new spiritual family, if you trust Christ.

1:22 Having dedicated-through-purification your lives, by obedience to the truth, toward a sincere brotherly-love from the heart, you should love one another extensively.

When opportunities arise, do loving actions.

Be willing to do stuff that may extend you outside your comfort zone, or what is convenient for you.

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1:23 Having been born again not from perishable seed, but imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God.

Spiritual life grows the same way it began, through the word of God.

The word of God feeds our spiritual life, for its growth.

1:24-25 Our natural degeneration, vs. the growth of our spiritual life/maturity through the word of God.

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians chapter 4

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Application questions for 10/1/2017 sermon

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(Try not to spend more than about 15 minutes on these first three questions, because you want to have substantial time for the latter questions.)

Explain your perspective on Christians being your family. At what level do you feel like you understand that and have really adopted that perspective, *or not*?

What barriers do you think there are to your spiritual family becoming as, or more, important to you than your natural family?

At what level would you say that you have family-type affection for your brothers and sisters in Christ? How do you experience that in your thinking and feelings? Be real; you don't have to make anything up.

What kind of actions do you do now to show your love for your brothers and sisters in Christ?

(Make sure to make it to this question. Try to have everyone share.)

Is there some action(s) you're thinking about, which would be loving to your brothers and sisters in Christ, that you want to do or work on right away?

The passage says we should love one another (with actions) "extensively" (often translated as "sincerely"). Christian suggested you should go as far as you feel God is calling you, not just as far as is convenient, or comfortable, or what you may think you have the time, ability, or money for. What do you think about that? How might that affect the decisions you make, the actions you take?

The idea that we should do loving actions when opportunities arise, how does that help you?

How do you think doing loving actions for brothers and sisters in Christ, fits in to spiritually maturing?

How valuable is spiritual maturity to you? What do you do to live-out that value?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.