

Family – Be of one mind!

1 Peter 3:8-12

The Scripture tells us that we are:

- All one body in spite of our differences. (1 Cor. 12:12-31)
- To have no divisions between us. (1 Cor. 1:10)
- To be free of jealousy and quarreling. (1 Cor. 3:3)
- All partakers of one loaf at the Lord's table. (1 Cor. 10:17)
- To live in harmony and peace with each other. (2 Cor. 13:11)
- To remember that the walls of hostility have been torn down. (Eph. 2:14-16)
- To make every effort to keep ourselves united in the Spirit. (Eph. 4:3-6)
- To remember that we are all one in Jesus Christ. (Gal. 3:28)

Ways in which we illustrate our oneness: (vv. 8-9)

- Sympathize with each other. (Rom. 12:15, 1 Cor. 12:26, Heb. 4:15)
- Love each other. (1 John 3:14-15, 4:20, John 13:34-35)
- Be tenderhearted. (Eph. 4:32, Heb. Col. 3:12)
- Keep a humble attitude. (Prov. 11:2, 16:18-19, 18:12, 22:4, 29:23) **Two things to remember that will help keep us humble:**
 - We are just creations of God.
 - As Christians we have a new standard of comparison.
- Don't repay evil for evil. (Matt. 6:12, 14) Forgiveness is not an option, it's a command!

Points to Ponder: (vv. 10-12)

- If you want the blessing of God to shine upon you, keep watch over what you say!
- If you want the blessing of God to shine upon you, keep watch over what you do!
- If you want not the blessing of God to shine upon you, pay no attention to what you say or do!