

"WE ARE FAMILY"

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A Discipleship Tool From Romans 12:10 a

In Christ, God has adopted us & made us family.

What should our level of commitment to one another be like?

Paul addressed this in his letter to the Roman church.

Romans 12:9 "Love must be sincere.

Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

Honor one another above yourselves.

11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord.

12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.

13 Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

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AREAS WE CAN SHOW BROTHERLY LOVE:

Financial 1 Jn. 3:16-20; 4:7-11; James 2:14-17

Acts 2:41-46; 4:32-37

Social James 2:1-9; 4:1-12

Spiritual Gal. 6:1, 2; James 5:16, 19-20;

Emotional Rom. 12:15; 1 Thess. 4:18; Heb. 3:13

HOW TO INCREASE BROTHERLY LOVE:

Permit It John 13: wash me

Pursue It Gal. 6:1; 1 John 3:11, 23; 2 John 5

Promote It Heb. 10:22-25

Lessons that Geese Provide For Life:

(Author Unknown)

- As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an 'uplift'

for the birds following it.
By flying in a "V" formation,
the whole flock adds 71% more flying range than if each bird flew alone.

The Lesson: People who share both common direction
and sense of community can get where they are going quicker
and easier when they travel on the thrust of one another.

- Whenever a goose falls out of formation,
it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to fly alone,
and quickly gets back into formation
to take advantage of the 'lifting power' of the bird immediately in
front.

The Lesson: Stay with those who are heading in the right direction.

- When the lead goose gets tired, it rotates back into the formation and
another goose flies at the point position.

The Lesson: Take turns with the hard tasks
and share leadership with each other!

- The geese in formation honk from behind
to encourage those up front to keep up their speed.

The Lesson: Be an encourager to those in front!

- When a goose gets sick, wounded or shot down,
two geese drop out of formation
and follow him down to help and protect him.
They stay with him until he is either able to fly or dies.
Then they launch out on their own,
with another formation or to catch up with the flock.

The Lesson: Support and stand by one another!