

A BOUNTIFUL HARVEST OF BROTHERLY LOVE Part Two

Text: 1 Peter 1:22-2:2

I. THE _____ OF BROTHERLY LOVE (1:22A, 23-25)

- Vs. 22, brotherly love starts with obeying the truth through the Spirit = believing the _____.
 - Obeying = to _____ to what you hear
- Vs. 23, brotherly love starts with the incorruptible _____ of the Word of God germinating in a person's heart.
- The Word of God is a glorious, incorruptible, eternal seed because:
 - It will last _____.
 - Those who believe it will _____ forever.
- The Word of God is described as a seed because believing the gospel is like a seed falling into the soil of a person's heart and starting to grow:
 - The soil has to be _____.
 - The person has to hear the _____.
 - When that person _____ the Word and receives it personally by faith, the seed germinates to eternal life! (Matt. 13:23).
- Application: Have you been _____ again by believing the gospel (1 Cor. 15:3-5a)?

II. THE _____ OF BROTHERLY LOVE (1:22B)

- "See that you love" = a _____.
- "One another" = our brothers and sisters in the body
- "With a pure heart" = with a _____ not hypocritical heart.
- "Fervently" = earnestly, with _____.
- Application: Can you think of any ways you have fervently loved others recently?

III. THE _____ OF BROTHERLY LOVE (2:1)

1. _____
 - Pretending, play-acting
 - Plural reminds us that there are lots of ways to fake our love.
2. **Malice**
 - Malicious feelings that motivate bad behavior.
 - "_____" of character, especially bad feelings of ill-will in a person's heart toward some other person.
3. _____
 - Deceit, especially as practiced through cunning, craftiness, treachery, trickery, fraud, like _____ a fish

- God's will is that we would be "_____ guile" Christians (Jn. 1:47, Ps. 32:2, 1 Pet. 2:22).

4. **Envy**

- Spiteful, _____ jealousy
- Closely related to malice—not just wishing you had what someone else has but even wishing that person harm because he/she has it.

5. _____ **Speakings**

- _____, defamation, backbiting, malicious gossip, or any other kind of evil speech against another.
- A form of _____ (Jam. 4:11-12).

- Application: If any of these toxins are poisoning your brotherly love in heart or deed, "lay them aside"!

IV. THE _____ OF BROTHERLY LOVE (2:2)

- The source and _____ of our brotherly love = the Word of God.
- "Milk" means the Word is our one-stop shop for all spiritual _____.
- "Sincere" =
 - Pure, undefiled, unadulterated (plus nothing minus nothing);
 - Without any _____, deceit, or fraud.
- "Desire" = have _____ yearning or longing for something.
- Application: Are you _____ spiritual sustenance in Scripture daily and often, packing in as much as you can (Job 23:12)?
- Vs. 3, if you've tasted the grace of God in salvation, you should be tasting of His goodness more and more, every single day (Col. 3:16).
- Individual application: We can't afford to miss a single day in the Word. Do you have a "take it or leave it" attitude toward being fed or an intense craving?
- Corporate application: If we want our church to be a place where brotherly love thrives, grows, and brings forth a bountiful harvest, the best thing we can do is to keep Word of God at the _____ of all we do.

CONCLUSION

- Let's "see to it" that we grow in the Word and that we love one another!