You, and Your Brother

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Introduction: All right thinking people want a proper relationship with God. But our text reminds us that a proper relationship with our brother is important also. In fact, one cannot have the former without the latter. This was true under O.T. as well (Malachi 2.10). This lesson will explore what the Bible says about you and your brother.

**I) It Is Difficult To Win An Brother**

**A) Just how difficult is spelled out in Proverbs 18.19.**

**B) It would help if each had the spirit of a , Matthew 18.1-3.**

**C) We need the spirit of , Colossians 3.13**

**D) If we have offended a brother, we should try to reconcile with him, Matthew 5.24.**

**II) We Should Not Against Our Brother**

**A) Zechariah 7.10 warns against this real possibility.**

**B) Many allow their imaginations to run wild and judge without the facts, Matthew 7.1-5.**

**C) A tree is to be known by its and not by the way the leaves fall, Luke 6.44.**

**D) Love “thinketh no evil” 1 Corinthians 13.5.**

**III) We Should Our Brother**

**A) Our Lord’s answer to Peter’s question emphasizes this. Matthew 18.21-35.**

**B) Forgiveness is a way street. Matthew 6.14,15**

**C) Christ set the example, Luke 23.34.**

**IV) We Should Live With Our Brother**

**A) The scriptures are clear on this point, Romans 12.18; 14.19.**

**B) Our example is the Prince of Peace, Isaiah 9.6.**

1. The Gospel is the gospel of , Romans 10.15

2. The church is the kingdom of , Romans 14.17.

**C) “Let there be no strife between thee and me, for we be brethren, Genesis 13.8.**

**V) We Should Not Put A In Our Brother’s Way**

**A) This command is given in Romans 14.13.**

**B) When we sin against a brother we sin against , 1 Corinthians 8.12,13**

**C) We should never discourage a , Deut. 1.28**

**D) Withdraw from a disorderly one, 2 Thess. 3.6, 1 Cor. 5.5.**

**VI) We Should Help Our Brother When He Is In .**

**A) Note: Acts 11.29; 1 John 3.17.**

**B) An act of kindness goes a long way in healing wounds and building the bonds of fellowship.**

**Conclusion: Remember, as we treat our brother, we treat Christ. Matthew 25.37-40.**