



LEARNING TO LIVE WITH OTHERS

One of the most important things in life is our relationships. This is the reason God created us! This is the reason he sent his Son into the world! God created us to have a relationship with him, and when man sinned he sent his Son to restore that relationship. Not only does God want us to have a good relationship with him, but with one another too. Let's look at 5 things that are important if we are going to maintain our relationships with others.

1. HONOR ONE ANOTHER

† What do you think it means to honor another person? Discuss.

† Who are we to honor according to these verses below?

Romans 12:10 _____ Ephesians 5:33 _____

1 Peter 2:17 _____ Ephesians 6:2 _____

1 Peter 3:7 _____ Ephesians 6:5 _____

💡 How can we honor others? Think of your family, your classmates or those you work with.

2. FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER

One of the things that will spoil our relationships with others more than anything else is not being willing to forgive when we have been hurt.

† Whose example are we to follow when we are hurt or offended?

Ephesians 4:31 – 5:2 _____

We have already learnt about forgiveness so we look back at your notes on 'Leaving past hurts'.

3. ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

† Why is it important to encourage others?

1 Thessalonians 3:2-4 _____

Hebrews 10:25 _____

💡 What are the things that encourage you the most? Share.

We all go through times when we feel discouraged or disappointed, and need to be lifted up and strengthened to go on. God wants us to learn to encourage others as this is what he is like.





4. ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

It is easy to accept those who are like us, but many find it difficult to accept people who are not like them.

✝ What is God's attitude to different types of people?

Colossians 3:11 _____

Let's look at a wonderful example of acceptance in the life of David. Although King Saul had tried to kill David, he wanted to show kindness to anyone from Saul's family who was still alive. There was one man called Mephibosheth, but he was crippled in both feet.

✝ How do you think Mephibosheth felt about himself? Have you ever felt like that?

2 Samuel 9:6-8 _____

✝ What did David do to show he accepted Mephibosheth?

2 Samuel 9:9-10 _____

Just as David accepted Mephibosheth, Jesus came so we could be accepted by God. Now as God's children let's accept one another.

5. LOVE ONE ANOTHER

✝ What 4 things are of no use or no value if we do not love others? 1 Corinthians 13:1-3

v1 _____

v2a _____

v2b _____

v3 _____

✝ How is love described in these verses?

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 _____

✝ How is real love to be demonstrated?

1 John 3:16-19 _____

Often the word 'love' is used in the wrong way. Many people don't understand what love really is! The Bible says that love is caring for others from the heart, and is demonstrated or seen by the way we speak to them and how we act towards them. We all want to have good relationships with the people around us. How is this possible? In Romans 5:5 it says: "For we know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love." We need his love to love others!



Is there any relationship in your life that you would like to pray about? Share and pray for one another.

Memory Verse

"Love each other with genuine affection and take delight in honouring each other."

Romans 12:10