

Praying for REIGN

“Love One Another”

- Introduction:
1. Various kingdom’s have made their mark in history by their exhibition of prominent moral or ethical failures.
 2. (John 13:35).
 3. However, the kingdom of God is not identified by scandal, or shameful conduct, but by love.
 4. But what does *“loving one another”* encompass?

I. Love Demands That We Mutually Confess Our Own Weaknesses

- A. (James 5:16) *“Confess your trespasses to one another and pray for one another...”*
- B. Confession needs to be carefully balanced between two extremes.
 1. A *“holier than thou”* attitude.
 2. One who confesses all the gory details of his sordid past (almost bragging).
- C. We owe it to each other to make clear our own weaknesses and that we do understand the weaknesses we see in others.

II. Love Demands That We Don’t Doubt The Genuineness Of Each Other

- A. What makes us doubt the genuineness of each other?
 1. The repetition of a sin (Luke 17:3; I Corinthians 13:5).
 2. The more outrageous the sin - the more doubt (Luke 15).
 3. Lack of personal commitment to the sinner (1 Peter 4:8).
- B. The real reason we doubt another’s genuineness is because of our human limitations.
 1. (1 Corinthians 2:11).
 2. We cannot see into the heart to see what motivates another person’s actions, so we foolishly make one’s outward behavior the whole criterion for judgment.
 3. (Matthew 7:1-4).

III. Love Demands That We Avoid Indiscriminate Denunciations Of Sin

- A. To make no distinction between a struggling Christian and a defiant and rebellious Christ rejecter is not only nonsense, but it is unbiblical.
- B. (John 19:11).
- C. Condemn sin; don’t minimize the guilt of the sinner; but don’t fail to make distinction.

- Conclusion:
1. Let us be a community, a fellowship, a brotherhood, a body of disciples who are seeking to become more and more Christ like.
 2. Let’s us pray for REIGN!