

# Am I my Brother's Keeper?

## Relationships Matter

GOD'S DESIRE FOR A COMMUNITY OF BELIEVERS



Part of the 'Growing Together'  
Discipleship Stream



# Ten Commandments



Do not worship  
any other gods

Do not make  
any idols

Do not misuse  
God's name

Keep the  
sabbath holy



Honour your  
father & mother

Do not murder

Do not commit  
adultery

Do not steal

Do not lie

Do not covet

Has it ever dawned on you that you are responsible spiritually to God for other people? For instance, if I allow any turning away from God in my private life, everyone around me suffers. We “sit *together* in the heavenly places...” ([Ephesians 2:6](#)). “If one member suffers, all the members suffer with it...” ([1 Corinthians 12:26](#)). If you allow physical selfishness, mental carelessness, moral insensitivity, or spiritual weakness, everyone in contact with you will suffer. But you ask, “Who is sufficient to be able to live up to such a lofty standard?” “Our sufficiency is from God...” and God alone ([2 Corinthians 3:5](#)).

*My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers*

# One another...

[Galatians 5:13](#) Serve **one another** humbly in love.

[Ephesians 4:2](#) Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with **one another** in love.

[Ephesians 4:32](#) Be kind and compassionate to **one another**, forgiving each other,

[Ephesians 5:19](#) Speaking to **one another** with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit.

[Ephesians 5:21](#) Submit to **one another** out of reverence for Christ.

[Colossians 3:13](#) Bear with each other and forgive **one another**

[Colossians 3:16](#) Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish **one another** with all wisdom

[1 Thessalonians 4:18](#) Therefore encourage **one another** with these words.

[1 Thessalonians 5:11](#) Therefore encourage **one another** and build each other up.

[Hebrews 3:13](#) But encourage **one another** daily

[Hebrews 10:24](#) And let us consider how we may spur **one another** on towards love and good deeds,

[Hebrews 10:25](#) ..Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging **one another**..

[Hebrews 13:1](#) Keep on loving **one another** as brothers and sisters.

[James 4:11](#) Brothers and sisters, do not slander **one another**.

[James 5:9](#) Don't grumble against **one another**, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged.

**1 Peter 1:22** Love **one another** deeply, from the heart.

**1 Peter 3:8** Be like-minded, be sympathetic, love **one another**, be compassionate and humble.

**1 Peter 4:9** Offer hospitality to **one another** without grumbling.

**1 Peter 5:5** Clothe yourselves with humility towards **one another**,

**1 Peter 5:14** Greet **one another** with a kiss of love.

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## Romans 13:8-10

Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not covet,' and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' Love does no harm to a neighbour. Therefore love is the fulfilment of the law.

# Love is....

- Patient
- Kind
- Not envious
- Not boastful
- Not proud
- Not dishonouring
- Not self-seeking
- Not easily angered
- Keeps no record of wrongs
- Delights in the truth
- Protects
- Trusts
- Hopes
- Perseveres
- Never fails

- ‘Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. *Luke 11: 39*
- He said to the crowd...Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don't know how to interpret this present time? *Luke 12:56*
- Jesus turned and said to Peter, ‘Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns.’ *Matt 16:23*
- ‘You unbelieving and perverse generation,’ Jesus replied, ‘how long shall I stay with you? How long shall I put up with you? Bring the boy here to me.’ *Matt 17:17*

Keep watch over yourselves and all the flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which he bought with his own blood.

Acts 20:28

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them – not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve;

1 Peter 5:2

‘Do not judge, or you too will be judged. For in the same way as you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.

‘Why do you look at the speck of sawdust in your brother’s eye and pay no attention to the plank in your own eye? How can you say to your brother, “Let me take the speck out of your eye,” when all the time there is a plank in your own eye? You hypocrite, first take the plank out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck from your brother’s eye.

*Matthew 7:1-5*

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.

*Galatians 6:1*

Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses.

*Proverbs 27:6*

*Luke 12:* And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’

“Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.”’

“But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?’

“This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.

1 Peter 5:8

# Questions?

- Who do I allow to speak into my life?
- What are my “no go” areas and why?
- When was the last time I encouraged someone?
- When was the last time I challenged someone?
- Who do I grumble about?
- What does love look like?

