

*"Let brotherly love continue."
Hebrews 13:1 KJV*

The Apostle Paul displays believers in two ways; as siblings and as warriors on the battlefield. The only "friends" soldiers have in battle are their comrades! Believers should be willing to lay down their very lives for one another, but, however, usually spend their time tale-bearing or berating one



another. The reason is; they're not fighting the enemy, but have succumbed to "fifth column" tactics infiltrating the troops! Believers hob-nob with the world from activities to acquisitions without a second thought of the poisoning effect on their ability to confront and defeat the enemy. *"Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the Love of the Father is not in him. Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? Whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world IS THE ENEMY OF GOD!"* Notice worldly believers are referred to as "adulterers." Adulterers make sacred vows of marriage and break them, showing evil; the absence of good character, becoming totally untrustworthy! God has no double-agents! When a soldier falls, more than one comes to his aid and when a soldier dies, sorrow for a trusted companion is beyond words! This kind of rapport for believers can only come by first strengthening their relationship with God for *"God is love!"* Without Him, there is only the malicious hatred sown by Eden's evil Whisperer! Either good or evil will fill your thoughts and you alone decide which. *"As he thinketh in his heart, so is he."* Your deeds directly reflect your thoughts, so by your deeds and behavior I CAN judge your heart! I'll know what a man thinks if I watch what he does. *"Brotherly love"* is the bond of trusted comrades. Will you have my back when Satan attacks me? Soldiers don't kick and berate fallen comrades, they rush to help, all the time watching out for or braving enemy fire. Soldiers are most vulnerable when aiding the wounded. Snipers know and use this, severely wounding one soldier, waiting for the others, providing more targets. Satan snipes at believers, but the cries of wounded believers are usually the laughter and frivolity of lustful indulgence which quickly lure more victims. *"Brethren, if a man be overtaken in a fault, ye which are spiritual, restore such an one in the spirit of meekness; considering thyself, lest thou also be tempted. Every man is tempted, when he is drawn away of his own lust, and enticed. Then when lust hath conceived, it bringeth forth sin: and sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death. Do not err, my beloved brethren."* Laughter doesn't always indicate safety. Pleasure destroys more faith than persecution ever did!

Brothers love each other true,
No matter why or what they do,
Rebuking plain a sinful deed,
While meekly staying their knees! ~CGP

Are you a Laodicean Christian? (Rev. 3:14-22) *"Because thou sayest, 'I am rich, and increased with goods, and have need of nothing'; and knowest not that thou art wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind, and naked."* God rebukes this apathy: *"I counsel thee to buy of me gold (faith-trusting obedience to God's Word) tried in the fire, that thou mayest be rich; and white raiment (cleansing through confession of sin) that thou mayest be clothed, and that the shame of thy nakedness do not appear; and anoint thine eyes with eyesalve (study of God's Word under Holy Spirit guidance), that thou mayest see. As many as I love, I rebuke and*

chasten: be zealous therefore, and repent (return to obedience)!” Are you forcing Christ, God’s Word, to stand outside your heart knocking to enter? “Behold, I stand at the Door (God’s Word), and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the Door, I will come in to him, and will sup (fellowship of the evening meal) with him, and he with me.” Supper time is usually the best time of any day!

“If we say that we have fellowship with Him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the Truth: But if we walk in the Light (God IS Light), as He is in the Light (Truth), we have fellowship one with another, and the Blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanseth us from ALL sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the Truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from ALL unrighteousness.” 1 John 1:6-9 KJV

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