



Safe People-Loving Place

Romans 12:10

Listen! A speaker at a national conference, commenting on a teenager who had gotten into deep trouble, said in amazement, “And he was from a good family too, they didn’t even have a TV.”

- So, “good families” have no TV and “bad families” have TVs?
- How do you define a “good family”?
- How does CBC rate as a family? (We have a few TVs on the property.)

Why are we talking about this? Because, what God expects of us as family in Christ is staggering.

- The bar is very high and yet the rewards are very great.
- As the CBC family we must consider God’s expectations for us. Are we measuring up? Are we the family He expects us to be? Are we “doing family” in a way that blesses the family members?

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For Instance:

So What?

Walking Papers

“Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.”

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Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Are you “devoted” to the people in the family at CBC? What could you do this week to raise your devotion and demonstrate greater love?
- **Monday.** Ask the Holy Spirit how you could improve your “brotherly love” for the members of the family at CBC? What do you need to do in your life to cultivate love?
- **Tuesday.** Ask God the Holy Spirit if you need to ask forgiveness of someone.
- **Wednesday.** Reflect and pray on how you could honor and elevate someone in the family at CBC.
- **Thursday.** What could you do to “prefer” someone in the CBC family or in your own family?
- **Friday.** Read and meditate on Romans 12:1-21.
- **Saturday.** Ask and answer this question: “What helps me grow at CBC?”

“Devoted family love is crucial—everyone you know is in a fight.”