

RELATIONSHIPS MATTER TO GOD!

The **C. R. A. Z. Y** Series – Part 2

John 13:34-35 (NIV)

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“We... are members one of another.” Romans 12:5 (KJV)

(Jesus says) *“A new commandment I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ...All men will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another.” John 13:34-35 (NIV)*

HOW SHOULD WE TREAT OTHER CHRISTIANS?

1. Love one another.

“Dear friends, let us love one another, because love comes from God. Whoever loves is a child of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God....” 1 John 4:7-8 (TEV)

“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.” Romans 12:10a (NIV)

2. Accept one another.

“Accept one another in the Lord just as Christ has accepted you.” Romans 15:7 (NIV)

3. Greet one another.

“Greet one another with a holy kiss.” Romans 16:16a (NIV)

4. Serve one another.

“Serve one another in love.” Galatians 5:13b (NIV)

“Each of you should look not only to your own interest but also the interest of others.” Phil. 2:4 (NIV)

5. Encourage one another.

“Therefore encourage one another and build each other up...” 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

“Carry each other’s burdens and in this way you fulfill the law of Christ.” Gal. 6:2 (NIV)

Two ways to encourage people:

- By praying for them.
- By directing them to read the bible!

“If you ask anything in My name I will do it.” John 14:14 (NKJV)

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13 (NKJV)

Remember:

- **God loves you.** That’s why He died on a cross for you. (Jesus is God)
- **God accepts you.** He says, “Come just as you are.” Don’t try to get rid of all your problems and faults. Come to Me and allow me to change you!
- **God encourages you.** Through prayer, and by you reading your Bible!