

'younger women...as sisters'

Titus 2:1-8

'older men'

'older women'

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• Every believer has responsibilities within this spiritual family

We have a responsibility as a brother or sister with our brothers and sisters to:

1. hold each other accountable with regard to sin (Galatians 6:1; cf. 1 Corinthians 5:1-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Thessalonians 3:6, 15)
2. not pass judgment on or despise each other regarding differing opinions (Romans 14:1-15:7; cf. Matthew 7:3-5, 'speck' and 'log')
3. work hard against divisions among us (Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 1:10)
4. show due consideration for each other (1 Corinthians 11:33; Philippians 2:1-4)
5. share with, care for, and comfort each other in our needs (2 Corinthians 1:3-11; James 2:15)
6. serve one another in love because we are free (Galatians 5:13; 1 Thessalonians 4:6)
7. imitate good examples, from our Father, to leaders, to other godly siblings (Ephesians 5:1; Philippians 3:17; cf. Romans 8:28-29)
8. speak blessings toward one another (James 3:10-12; 4:11; 5:9)
9. love one another (1 John 2:9; 3:16)
10. grow up in maturity so we can teach each other (Hebrews 5:11-14)

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Family

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Husbands

Wives

Parents

Children

No. 8 – (Spiritual) Siblings

Selected Scriptures

No matter what *other* earthly family designations you fill, if you're a believer in Jesus Christ, then these two family designations apply to you:

You have a Father

You have siblings

What do we see in the Bible regarding earthly (blood or law) siblings?

'keepers' (Genesis 4:9)

'uniters' (Psalm 133:1)

As much as each one of us has the *responsibility* to handle our God-given roles with regard to our earthly families; but, each one of us also has the *responsibility* to handle our God-given *role* with regard to our *spiritual* family:

• Every believer is in a spiritual family

- We weren't *physically* born into this family (cf. John 3:1-15)

^{ESV} Ephesians 2:1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience- ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the

desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind.

ESV 2 Thesalonians 1:9 They will suffer the punishment of eternal destruction, away from the presence of the Lord and from the glory of his might, ¹⁰ when he comes on that day to be glorified in his saints, and to be marveled at among all who have believed, because our testimony to you was believed.

- We can, though, be *spiritually* 'adopted' into this family (cf. John 3:1-15)

ESV Ephesians 1:3 Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴ even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love ⁵ he predestined us for adoption through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, ⁶ to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. ⁷ In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, ⁸ which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight ⁹ making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ ¹⁰ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹ In him we have obtained an inheritance, having been predestined according to the purpose of him who works all things according to the counsel of his will, ¹² so that we who were the first to hope in Christ might be to the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and believed in him, were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit, ¹⁴ who is the guarantee of our inheritance until we acquire possession of it, to the praise of his glory.

ESV Galatians 3:25 But now that faith has come, we are no longer under a guardian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.

What does this entail?

-- God is our Father

ESV 1 John 3:1 See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³ And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

-- Jesus is our Brother

ESV Hebrews 2:11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one origin. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, ¹²

saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." ¹³ And again, "I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." ¹⁴ Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, ¹⁵ and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery. ¹⁶ For surely it is not angels that he helps, but he helps the offspring of Abraham. ¹⁷ Therefore he had to be made like his brothers in every respect, so that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in the service of God, to make propitiation for the sins of the people. ¹⁸ For because he himself has suffered when tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.

-- We are each other's siblings

ESV 1 John 3:8 Whoever makes a practice of sinning is of the devil, for the devil has been sinning from the beginning. The reason the Son of God appeared was to destroy the works of the devil. ⁹ No one born of God makes a practice of sinning, for God's seed abides in him, and he cannot keep on sinning because he has been born of God. ¹⁰ By this it is evident who are the children of God, and who are the children of the devil: whoever does not practice righteousness is not of God, nor is the one who does not love his brother. ¹¹ For this is the message that you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. ¹² We should not be like Cain, who was of the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own deeds were evil and his brother's righteous.

What does this mean?

Romans 8:12-17

'brothers' (v. 12)

'sons of God' (v. 14)

'adoption as sons' (v. 14)

'Father' (v. 15)

'children of God' (v. 16)

'fellow heirs with Christ' (v. 17)

1 Timothy 5:1-2

'older man...a father'

'younger men...as brothers'

'older women...as mothers'