

"KINDLY AFFECTIONED (DEVOTED TO) ... PREFER ONE ANOTHER"

INTRODUCTION

(Rms. 12:10) "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love, in honor preferring one another"

In (1 Cor. 12:12-27) the apostle Paul used the physical body to illustrate how we are to function in one body, each having a work, and each member is considered a vital organ.

In (Rms. 12:10) he uses "brotherly love" to illustrate the body as a family member.

1. "KINDLY AFFECTIONED (DEVOTED TO) ONE ANOTHER"

"brotherly" - literally "from the same womb"

(Gal. 4:4-5; Eph. 1:7; Eph. 3:14-15) We are blood-brothers.

"with brotherly love" - (Philadelphia); unselfish love; one that is ready to serve.

(1 Thess. 4:9-10) "Now about brotherly love ... "

(Heb. 13:1) "Let brotherly love continue"

(1 Peter 3:8) "... love as brothers ... "

"kindly" - be nice; courteous; use your manners; humane.

(Eph. 4:32) "and by ye kind one to another ... "

"affectioned" - devoted to; desire to help; tender love; the mind-set to give; illustrated in the relationship parents have for their children.

2. "IN HONOR PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER"

"in honor" - to value another; to hold in high regard;

special distinction or credit given to another. (1 Cor. 12:26; Rms. 13:7)

"preferring" - to go before the other or set a proper example for another.

Not favoritism, not exclusion of another, not "respect of persons" (James 2:1-9)

Example: (John 13:12-17) "... Know ye what I have done to you? ... an example ... the servant is not greater than his lord ... If ye know these things, happy are ye if ye do them."

CONCLUSION