

**INTRODUCTION:** (Romans 12:10) "Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another."

In (1 Corinthians 12), apostle Paul used the physical body to illustrate that we are to function as "many members in one body." Note: v14, v20, v21, v25

In (Romans 12:10), Paul uses "brotherly love" to illustrate our life together; family relationship.

THE TEXT GIVES US A WORD-STUDY

1. "BROTHERLY" - a family term literally meaning "from the same womb."

When we were physically born, we were born into a family.

When we became Christians, we were "born again," this time into God's family.

(Galatians 4:4-5) "receive the adoption as sons" (Gal. 3:26-27) "sons of God"  
Hymn #744 God's Family

2. "BROTHERLY LOVE" - describes a family love that is good, excellent, and caring.

(1 Thessalonians 4:9-10) "concerning brotherly love"  
(Hebrews 13:1) "Let brotherly love continue" (1 Peter 3:8) "love as brothers"

3. "KINDLY" - doing things that benefit another.

It means to have a gentle considerate nature; be good-hearted; helpful; gracious.

(Ephesians 4:32) "And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you."

4. "AFFECTIONATE" - "devoted to;" desire to help; notice a parent's behavior to their child.

5. "IN HONOR" - to value another; to hold in high regard; give respect; accolade.

(1 Corinthians 12:26) "if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it"

(Romans 13:7) "honor to whom honor" (Matthew 7:12) the "Golden Rule"

6. "PREFERRING ONE ANOTHER" - let the other go first; share; show no favoritism.

Example: "What is the most difficult instrument to play in the orchestra?"

(Philippians 2:3-4) "no selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other ... nor for his own interests, but for the interests of others."