

6. Do you sincerely consider meeting this person's needs to be more important than meeting your own? (Today's sermon)

7. Do you readily forgive this person when he or she irritates or offends you?
8. Do you patiently allow this person to make mistakes without letting it anger you or damage the relationship?
9. Do you allow this person genuine freedom to be himself in your presence—without putting undue pressure on him to change?
10. Are you able to avoid tension and conflict in your relationship?
11. Do the two of you have essentially the same moral values, the same love for God and his word, and the same basic desire to live for Christ?
12. Are you fully honest with this person?
13. Whenever you happen to offend this person or think you may have hurt his or her feelings, do you seek quickly to confess and make it right?
14. Do you actively try to build up this person?
15. Do you seek to be reconciled with this person when he sins against you?
16. Do you make it a habit to meet his or her personal needs as you become aware of them?
17. Do you understand and feel the hardships this person experiences?
18. Do you provide comfort when he or she is experiencing sorrow?
19. Do you challenge this person in a positive way to live a pure, holy, and obedient life?
20. Do you pray for this person?
21. Do you provide enough time and attention to make this person feel comfortable in your presence, and do you make your possessions available for his use?

Scripture references: **1.** Romans 16:16 **2.** Romans 12:10 **3.** John 13:34 **4.** 1 Thessalonians 3:12 and 4:10 **5.** Matthew 7:1, Romans 14:13 **6.** Philippians 2:3-4 **7.** Colossians 3:13 **8.** 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 **9.** Romans 15:7 **10.** Romans 12:16 and 14:19 **11.** 1 Corinthians 1:10 **12.** Ephesians 4:25, Leviticus 19:11 **13.** James 5:16, Matthew 5:24 **14.** Romans 14:19, 1 Thessalonians 5:11 **15.** Matthew 18:15 **16.** Galatians 5:13, John 13:14 **17.** Galatians 6:2 **18.** 2 Corinthians 1:4 **19.** Hebrews 3:13 **20.** James 5:16, Ephesians 6:18 **21.** Romans 12:13



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Think of your brothers and sisters in this fellowship, individually. Each of the following questions is based on a New Testament command. The questions reveal how closely we are seeking to walk with Christ.

1. Do you offer this person a warm and sincere greeting, conveying an honest concern for his or her well-being?
2. Does your love for this person include a degree of commitment similar to what you have for your family?
3. Is your love for this person increasing? Is it stronger now than it was a few months ago?
4. Do you love this person to the same degree that Christ loves you?
5. Do you avoid being critical of this person, whether overtly or only in your heart?



Insights for Living Western Individualism



(Matthew 5:13) *"You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? ..."*

Philippians 2:4 says that our life focus will be in one of two places:

1. _____ focus, verse 4

(Galatians 5:22-23) *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, ..., {23} gentleness, self-control..."*

(1 Corinthians 9:27) *"But I discipline my body and bring it into subjection, lest, when I have preached to others, I myself should become disqualified."*

(2 Corinthians 11:27) *"in weariness and toil, in sleeplessness often, in hunger and thirst, in fastings often, in cold and nakedness;"*

◆ Do my _____ revolve around me and my family?

(James 5:16) *".. pray for one another, ... The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much."*

◆ Are my _____ all I can see? Verse 3

◆ How do I react when I don't _____ what I _____?

(2 Timothy 3:1-4) *"But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: {2} For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, {3} unloving, unforgiving, .. without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, {4} .. lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,"*

◆ Am I too self _____?

(Galatians 1:10) *".. For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ."*

◆ What is my life _____?

(Matthew 6:33) *"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you."*

2. _____ focus, verses 3-8

How?

◆ Care for _____,

(Matthew 18:6) *"But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea."*

◆ _____ when they hurt,

(Romans 12:15) *"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep."*



◆ Seeking their Christian _____,

(Romans 14:19) *"Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another."*

(Romans 14:13) *"Therefore let us .. resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way."*

◆ Christian _____ for them,

(James 2:8) *"If you really fulfill the royal law according to the Scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself," you do well;"*

(1 Corinthians 13:4-5) *"Love suffers long and is kind; love does not envy; love does not parade itself, is not puffed up; {5} does not behave rudely, does not seek its own, is not provoked, thinks no evil;"*

◆ Deep _____,

(1 Corinthians 12:22-25) *"No, much rather, those members of the body which seem to be weaker are necessary. {23} And those members of the body which we think to be less honorable, on these we bestow greater honor; and our unpresentable parts have greater modesty, {24} but our presentable parts have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that part which lacks it, {25} that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another."*

(Philippians 2:4) *Let each of you look out not only for his own concerns, but also for the concerns of others.*

[paraphrase]

(Romans 15:14) *"Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another."*

(Romans 15:14) *And I myself am certain of you, brothers, that you are full of what is good, complete in all knowledge, able to give direction to one another. [paraphrase]*

(Romans 15:14) *My brothers and sisters, I know without a doubt that you are full of goodness and have all the knowledge you need. So you are certainly able to counsel each other. [paraphrase]*

(2 Thessalonians 3:11) *"For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies."*

(1 Timothy 5:13) *"And besides they learn to be idle, .. but also gossips and busybodies, saying things which they ought not."*

(1 Corinthians 3:11-14) *"For no other foundation can anyone lay than that which is laid, which is Jesus Christ. {12} Now if anyone builds on this foundation with gold, silver, precious stones, ..., {13} each one's work will become clear; .. because it will be revealed by fire; ... {14} If anyone's work which he has built on it endures, he will receive a reward."*

(Luke 14:11) *".. he who humbles himself will be exalted."*

