

Bearing With One Another Study

Verse of the Day Meditations - A Focus on Bearing One Another and Bearing With One Another

Throughout the bible and since the creation of civilization, one of the major themes that weave through life is that of both bearing one another, as well as bearing with one another.

While both bearing with one another and bearing one another are part of life, they are two sides of the same coin of relationships. In general, bearing with one another has to do with having patience and forbearance, whereas bearing one another has to do with helping and holding up one another. The common denominator is that each side of the coin is a demonstration of love.

During this time in history, bearing with one another and bearing one another is really needed. As Believers, we are to love God with all of our heart, soul and strength and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves.

That being the case, before we can bear with one another and bear one another, we first have to love God and we have to love ourselves. The prime example of someone who was able to bear with one another and bear one another was Jesus the Christ.

However, Jesus wasn't just the perfect example and teacher, in conjunction with God the Father and God the Holy Spirit, He gave us the power and made it possible to "bear" without the pressure of guilt or fear of condemnation and He asked the Holy Spirit to live in us to also teach us and empower us

Before moving on, let's just get a definition of "bearing". Bearing is to hold up, lift up, take up, endure, tolerate, put up with [patiently], having patience

So, I'll job is to make sure that we don't hold up, lift up or take things that are false against ourselves or others (Thou shalt not bear false witness). But, we are to hold up, lift up, be patient with and put up with one another, especially if we or they are going through challenging times. In other words, we are to love one another (Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself).

Bible Study/Verse of the Day Meditation Verses:

- Hebrews 9: 28 - So Christ was once offered to bear the sins of many; and unto them that look for Him shall He appear the second time without sin unto salvation.
- Romans 15:1 - We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.
- Galatians 6:2 - Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ
- Ephesians 6: 9 - With all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering forbearing one another in love
- Colosians 3: 13 - Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any, even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye

Bible Study Questions:

- Do you find it hard to have patience with others?

1. All of the time? _____
2. A lot of the time? _____
3. Most of the time? _____
4. Some of the time? _____
5. None of the time? _____

- Do you find it hard to lift up others?

1. All of the time? _____
2. A lot of the time? _____
3. Most of the time? _____
4. Some of the time? _____
5. None of the time? _____

Why is it sometimes difficult to be patient with one another and/or lift up one another?

What are some things that you can do to bear with one another and/or bear up one another?