Imitators – PT II 1 Cor 1:10 (NLT) Pastor Victor J. Coleman, Sr. May 8, 2019

We have been commanded to love one another. However, many will say they love you, but don't know how to treat you. The Bible tells us how to talk to each other and deal with each other in ways that will show God's love toward us. Our treatment of each other should reflect how God treats us. In fact, we should be imitators of God and Jesus and be an example to one another.

- 1 Cor 1:10 (NLT) 10 I appeal to you, dear brothers and sisters, by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, to live in harmony with each other. Let there be no divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, <u>united in thought and purpose</u>.
- 1 Corinthians 11:1 (AMP) 1 Imitate me, just as I imitate Christ.
- 1. God loves us, we should love one another John 13:34-35 (KJV, AMP), Eph 5:1-2 (NASB, NIV), Rom 12:10 (CSB), 1 Cor 13:4-5 (NIV)
- 2. God forgives us, we should forgive one another Matt 6:12-15 (AMP) Eph 4:31-32 (NIV), Col 3:13 (NIV, NLT)
- 3. God provides for us, we should provide for one another Gal 6:10 (NASB), Prov 21:13 (NASB), Luke 6:38 (KJV, NLT, AMP)
 - Luke 6:38 (AMP) 38 Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over [with no space left for more]. For with the standard of measurement you use [when you do good to others], it will be measured to you in return."
- 4. God is patient with us, we should be patient with one another 2 Peter 3:9 (NIV), Proverbs 14:29 (NIV), 1 Cor 13:4a (NIV), Eph 4:2 (NIV), Gal 6:9 (NIV)
 - Galatians 6:9 (NIV) Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
- 5. **God is kind to us, we should be kind to one another** Titus 3:4-7 (NLT), Col 3:12 (NIV, AMP), Micah 6:8 (NIV), Micah 7:18 (NLT)
 - Colossians 3:12 (AMP) 12 "So, as God's own chosen people, who are holy [set apart, sanctified for His purpose] and well-beloved [by God Himself], put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience [which has the power to endure whatever injustice or unpleasantness comes, with good temper];"