Weekly Devotional 2-12-2012 *Loving One Another*

1 John 4:11-12 “Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us.”

So many times I see and hear professing Christians not acting like Christians at all. It may be in the grocery store or at a restaurant or in the parking lot… they certainly are not showing Christ love to others.

We are called to be *“imitators of Christ”* (Ephesians 5:1-2) but too many times we are focused on what we need or what we are wanting at the time. Life is busy everyone is rushing to and fro. We are a society that lives in the “I want it now” sphere of our world. That is not how we are to act. That is not what we are called to be. Do not let the cares of the world get in the way you are supposed to shine!

Remember we are all interdependent on each other whether we think so or not. You would not be able to check out with those groceries if that cashier did not need the job to support her family. You would not be able to go out to eat if that server did not need that job to pay for their college education or their child’s medical bills. You would not have that car if the Lord had not blessed you with the job to go to and pay for it.

I don’t think people realize how interdependent we really are on each other. The point I want to make with this devotional is that we all need to be more cognizant of other’s around us. If someone looks like they have a frown on their face or a snappy attitude ~~ remember who you are called to represent ~~ be the imitation of Chris to that person even in the parking lot.

Today if you have the chance, give something to someone else even if it is just a Smile.

My prayer to you today is: Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be kind in thought,  
in word, and in deed. Let us be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking. May we put away all pretense and meet each other face-to-face, without self-pity and  
without prejudice. May we never be hasty in judgment and always be generous.

Help us, O Lord, always to be kind.

Amen.