

# The 59 “one another” commands in the NT

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**Unity:** One third of one-another commands deal with the unity of the church (applies to unity of family).

1. Be at peace with one another ([Mk 9:50](#))
2. Don't grumble among one another ([Jn 6:43](#))
3. Be of the same mind with one another ([Ro 12:16](#), [15:5](#))
4. Accept one another ([Ro 15:7](#))
5. Wait for one another before beginning the Eucharist ([1 Co 11:33](#))
6. Don't bite, devour, and consume one another—**seriously, guys, don't eat each other** ([Ga 5:15](#))
7. Don't boastfully challenge or envy one another ([Ga 5:26](#)).
8. Gently, patiently tolerate one another ([Ep 4:2](#))
9. Be kind, tender-hearted, and forgiving to one another ([Ep 4:32](#))
10. Bear with and forgive one another ([Co 3:13](#))
11. Seek good for one another, and don't repay evil for evil ([1 Th 5:15](#))
12. Don't complain against one another ([Jas 4:11](#), [5:9](#))
13. Confess sins to one another ([Jas 5:16](#))

**Love:** One third of them instruct Christians to love one another.

1. Love one another ([Jn 13:34](#), [15:12](#), [17](#); [Ro 13:8](#); [1 Th 3:12](#), [4:9](#); [1 Pe 1:22](#); [1 Jn 3:11](#), [4:7](#), [11](#); [2 Jn 5](#))
2. Through love, serve one another ([Ga 5:13](#))
3. Tolerate one another in love ([Ep 4:2](#))
4. Greet one another with a kiss of love ([1 Pe 5:14](#))
5. Be devoted to one another in love ([Ro 12:10](#))

**Humility:** About 15% stress an attitude of humility and deference among believers.

1. Give preference to one another in honor ([Ro 12:10](#))
2. Regard one another as more important than yourselves ([Php 2:3](#))
3. Serve one another ([Ga 5:13](#))
4. Wash one another's feet ([Jn 13:14](#))
5. Don't be haughty: be of the same mind ([Ro 12:16](#))
6. Be subject to one another ([Ep 5:21](#))
7. Clothe yourselves in humility toward one another ([1 Pe 5:5](#))

**Here's the rest:**

1. Do not judge one another, and don't put a stumbling block in a brother's way ([Ro 14:13](#))
2. Greet one another with a kiss ([Ro 16:16](#); [1 Co 16:20](#); [2 Co 13:12](#))
3. Husbands and wives: don't deprive one another of physical intimacy ([1 Co 7:5](#))
4. Bear one another's burdens ([Ga 6:2](#))
5. Speak truth to one another ([Ep 4:25](#))
6. Don't lie to one another ([Co 3:9](#))
7. Comfort one another concerning the resurrection ([1 Th 4:18](#))
8. Encourage and build up one another ([1 Th 5:11](#))
9. Stimulate one another to love and good deeds ([He 10:24](#))
10. Pray for one another ([Jas 5:16](#))
11. Be hospitable to one another ([1 Pe 4:9](#))

# Sibling Relationships - Resources

## 1. The Strong-Willed Child, by Dr. James Dobson Chap. 9 – Bitter Brothers and Surly Sisters, pg. 163-173

- Sibling Rivalry nothing new – began with Cain & Abel
  - Underlying source – jealousy and competition between siblings
  - Strong willed vs. a compliant child often causes deep resentment
    - o “the squeaky wheel gets the grease” applies, as strong-willed kids tend to get away with more because they simply never give up and their parents become exasperated just trying to hang in there.”
    - o “Even though the compliant child goes along with the program and does not complain, he may accumulate a VOLUME of resentment through the years.”
- I. Don’t inflame the natural jealousy of children**
  - o Comparing children unfavorably with each other
- II. Establish a workable system of justice at home**
  - o “Laws in a society are established and enforced for the purpose of protecting people from each other. A family is a mini-society with the same requirements of property rights and physical protection.”
    - Dobson’s starting points:
      - 1) NEVER allowed to make fun of each other.
      - 2) Each child’s room is his private territory.
      - 3) Older child not allowed to tease younger siblings.
      - 4) Younger child cannot harass older siblings.
      - 5) Not required to play with each other if they prefer to be alone or with other friends.
      - 6) Parents mediate genuine conflicts quickly, being careful to show impartiality and extreme fairness.
- III. Recognize the hidden “target” of sibling rivalry is YOU!**
  - Their conflict is a way of manipulating Mom & Dad
    - o “It simply is not necessary to permit children to destroy the joy of living. And surprisingly, children are the happiest when their parents enforce reasonable limits with love and dignity!”

## 2. On Becoming Child-Wise, by Gary Ezzo & Robert Bucknam - Within Chap. 6 – Peers and Siblings, pg. 103-109

- Bottom line – “Teaching your child to respond in a sensitive way toward the feelings of his siblings and peers is a far greater act than trying to control hostile behavior.”

- **Sibling conflict differs from sibling rivalry.**
  - Rivalry – Child perceives he is not loved, or loved AS MUCH, or is in danger of losing parental love
  - Conflict – a moral problem. Don't be satisfied with siblings who only tolerate one another. Instead, aim for the higher standard of sacrificial love, which is based on honor and respect.
- The way a child treats his siblings is often the way he will treat his future spouse and children.

**I. Teach your children how to resolve their own conflicts.**

**II. Family Rule: No tattling** – snitching for the sole purpose of getting the sibling in trouble. However, parental intervention necessary for reasons of safety, health or the honest desire for justice (particularly to avoid striking back).

**III. Require verbal and physical kindness between siblings.**

**a. Teach verbal and physical self-control**

**IV. Provide an environment that encourages service to others.**

**a. Distribute “family-care” chores equally**

**3. Say Goodbye to Whining, Complaining and Bad Attitudes in You and Your Kids!, by Scott Turansky and Joanne Miller  
Chapter 7 – “Honor One Another – Even Your Brothers and Sisters!” – Pg. 115-134**

- Your home is a classroom, you are the teacher and HONOR is the curriculum
- Secret to family harmony is teaching children to honor each other.

**A. Three roadblocks that hinder children from honoring each other:**

- 1) **Anger – A flag that tells us something is wrong.**
  - Teach child to learn to recognize it
  - Teach them how to stop anger from escalating
  - Teach them how to become a peacemaker
- 2) **Selfishness – Always wanting to be first or best**
  - **Envy**
  - **Boasting**
  - **Teaching Servanthood**
- 3) **Foolishness – acting before thinking**
  - **Teach a child to take responsibility: “I was wrong.”**
  - **Teach children to anticipate consequences**
  - **The “STOP” rule**
  - **Know when (as the parent) to Step In – don't allow meanness**

**4. Ending Sibling Rivalry – Moving Your Kids From War to Peace, by Sarah Hamaker** (entire book on sibling rivalry)

**5. Siblings – You’re Stuck with Each Other, So Stick Together, by James Crist & Elizabeth Verdick**

- Great book for kids to read! Very kid-friendly.
- Appropriate for ages 8-12 (approximately)
- Encourages them as to WHY it is important to have a good relationship with their siblings, as well as WHAT they can do to have a better relationship with their brothers and sisters.
- Addresses topic of both blended families and families with a special needs child
- Note: Not written from a Christian perspective (the best we could tell), but we feel it has LOTS of valuable ideas and suggestions. Wise to read through it first yourself (takes an adult about 20-30 minutes to read), and note if there is anything you disagree with. If so, bring it to your child’s attention after he has read it. Opportunity for great discussion as to your family’s values and beliefs!