



1 How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! 2 It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. 3 It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.

(Psalm 133)

# A SONG ON UNITY



1 Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity! (NKJV)

Psalm 133

11 No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12



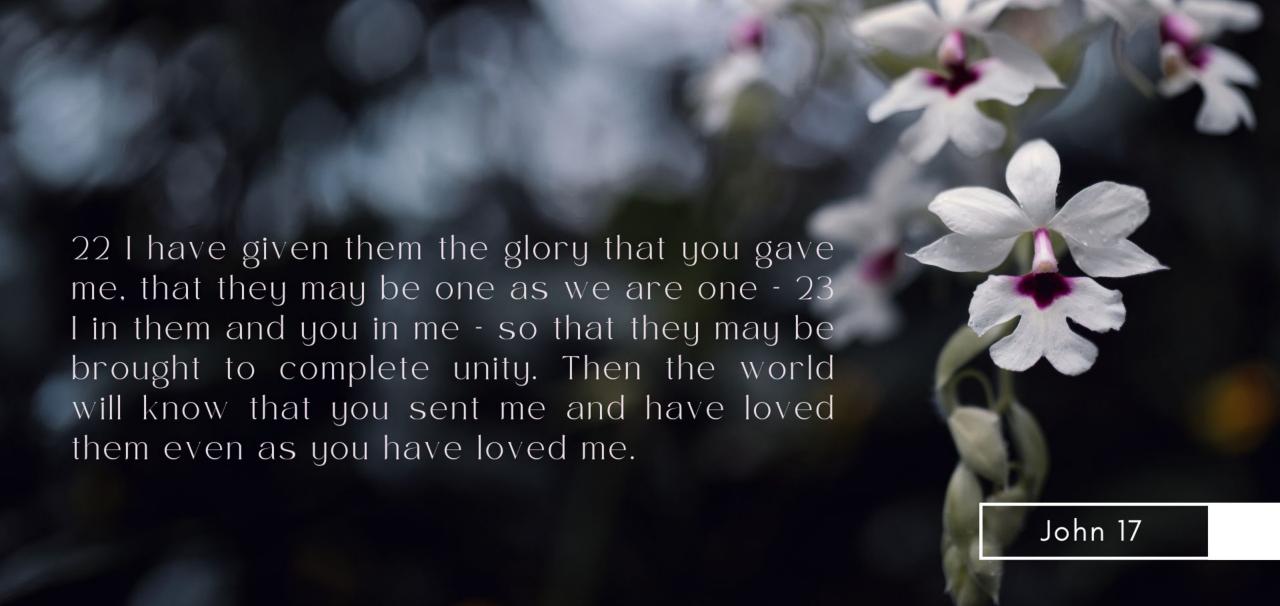
#### NOT EVERYTHING THAT IS PLEASANT IS GOOD

16 If you find honey, eat just enough – too much of it, and you will vomit. (Proverbs 25)



## God's Family THE CHURCH





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### My friend left church because of me.

2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. 3 Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

(Ephesians 4)





# Keep on loving one another

one another as brothers and sisters.

Hebrews 13:1





#### PRECIOUS OIL

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(Proverbs 25)



## **EXCESSIVENESS**

... running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe.



6 you will be for me a kingdom of priests and a holy nation." These are the words you are to speak to the Israelites.'

(Exodus 19)

9 But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light.

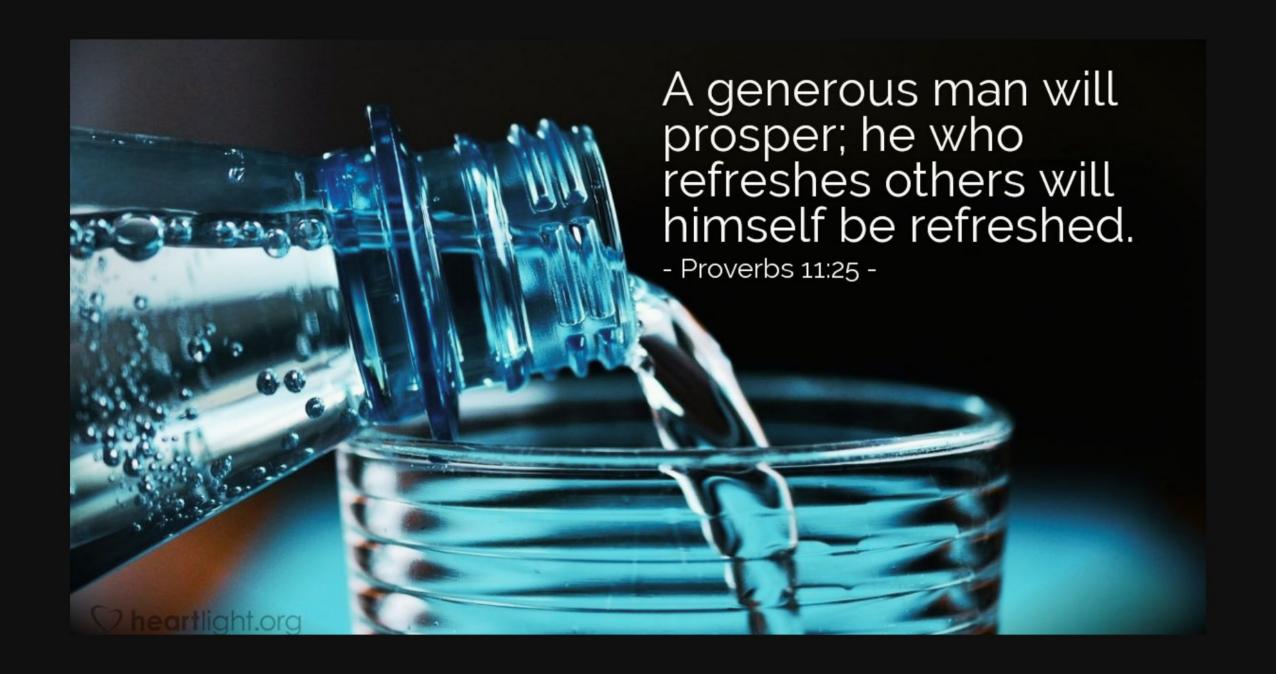
(1 Peter 2)

## KINGDOM of PRIESTS



#### LOVE BE **HUMBLE ENCOURAGE HAVE GREET** COMPASSION ROM 16:16 1 COR 16:20 2 COR 15:12 1 PET 5:14 LIVE IN PEACE DON'T PAY BACK WRONG BE SYMPATHETIC ACCEP **BEAR IN** LOVE OFFER HOSPITALITY DO GOOD DON'T BE COL 3.9 DON'T GRUMBLE TO LOVE FORGIVE DON'T PROVOKE INSTRUCT ROM 15:14 DON'T JUDGE ROM 14:13 THE MIND SPEAK SONGS TO **OF CHRIST** DON'T SLANDER PRAY TO GOOD DEEDS HEB 10:24 BE PATIENT

## One Another Ministry





1 Therefore, if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, 2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2







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So, the question is not "Am I going to be a part of a community of faith?" but "How am I going to live in this community of faith?" God's children do different things. Some run away from it and pretend that the family doesn't exist. Some move out and get an apartment on their own from which they return to make occasional visits, nearly always showing up for the parties and bringing a gift to show that they really do hold the others in fond regard. And some would never dream of leaving but cause others to dream it for them, for they are always criticizing what is served at the meals, quarrelling with the way the housekeeping is done and complaining that the others in the family are either ignoring or taking advantage of them. And some determine to find out what God has in mind by placing them in this community called a church, learn how to function in it harmoniously and joyously, and develop the maturity that is able to share and exchange God's grace with those who might otherwise be viewed as nuisances.

## For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life for evermore.

