

## GETTING ALONG IN RELATIONSHIPS

### Dawn Is Coming – Part 8

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**1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)** *“Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble.”*

**1 Peter 3:8 (ISV)** *“Finally, all of you must live in harmony, be sympathetic, love as brothers, and be compassionate and humble.”*

**To live in harmony is to be unified in purpose.**

**The ability of the individual player does not change,  
but playing together changes everything.**

### ATTITUDES THAT CREATE HARMONY IN RELATIONSHIPS

#### 1. Sympathy

**1 Peter 3:8b (ISV)** *“...be sympathetic”*

**To be sympathetic means to understand  
and affirm someone’s feelings.**

#### 2. Loyalty

**1 Peter 3:8c (ISV)** *“...love as brothers”*

**1 Peter 3:8c (NIV)** *“...love one another”*

**Instead of fixing the blame, you focus on fixing the problem.**

**Romans 12:10 (NASB)** *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor.”*

**Romans 15:7 (NIV)** *“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.”*

**Mark 3:35 (NIV)** *“Whoever does God’s will is My brother and sister and mother.”*

#### 3. Compassion

**1 Peter 3:8d (ISV)** *“...and be compassionate”*

**Colossians 3:12a (NIV)** *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion...”*

- **Be compassionate with your words.**

**Ephesians 4:29 (NIV)** *“Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.”*

- **Be compassionate with your actions.**

**1 John 3:18 (NCV)** *“My children, we should love people not only with words and talk, but by our actions and true caring.”*

## 4. Humility

**1 Peter 3:8e (ISV)** “...and humble.”

**1 Corinthians 13:4d (NIV)** “Love... is not proud.”

**Proverbs 13:10 (TLB)** “Pride leads to arguments; be humble, take advice, and become wise.”

### Humility is:

- Being honest about your weaknesses.
- Not assuming you know or understand it all.
- Being willing to admit a mistake.

**Proverbs 28:13 (TLB)** “A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance.”

Humility is being able to say, “*Forgive me.*”

## 5. Mercy

Mercy is giving more kindness than justice deserves.

**1 Peter 3:9 (NIV)** “Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, **repay evil with blessing**, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.”

**Colossians 3:13 (NIV)** “Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.”

**1 Corinthians 13:5b (NIV)** “Love keeps no record of wrongs.”

**Matthew 18:21-22 (NIV)** “Then Peter came to Jesus and asked, ‘Lord, how many times shall I forgive my brother or sister who sins against me? Up to seven times?’<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered, ‘I tell you, not seven times, but seventy-seven times.’”

## 6. Maturity

**1 Peter 3:10-11 (NIV)** “For, ‘Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. <sup>11</sup> They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it.’”

**Proverbs 12:18 (NIV)** “The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.”

Maturity is when your concern for others  
is greater than for yourself.

The more selfish you are, the more immature you are.  
The more mature you are, the more unselfish you are.