

*A Thought
for the Day*

Build One Another Up

The Bible says:

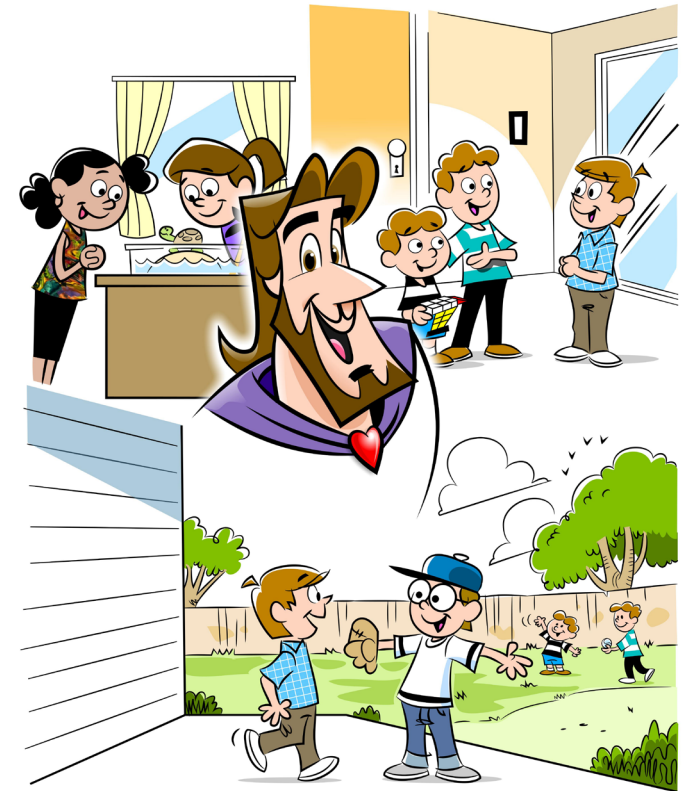
ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP (1 THESSALONIANS 5:11 ESV).

Think on this:

THE BIBLE REMINDS US TO ENCOURAGE EACH OTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP, BUT WHAT DOES THAT MEAN?

- ▶ IT MEANS POINTING OUT TO SOMEONE THE THINGS THEY'RE GOOD AT, AS WELL AS ENCOURAGING THEM IN THE THINGS THEY DON'T DO WELL.
- ▶ IT MEANS SPEAKING HIGHLY OF PEOPLE YOU KNOW, BOTH IN FRONT OF THEM AND WHEN THEY ARE NOT THERE.
- ▶ IT MEANS INCLUDING OTHERS WHO MIGHT BE FEELING LEFT OUT OF YOUR GAMES AND FUN.
- ▶ AND SOMETIMES IT CAN MEAN SETTING ASIDE YOUR NEGATIVE FEELINGS ABOUT SOMEONE AND INSTEAD SHOWING THEM THE LOVE AND KINDNESS YOU KNOW JESUS WANTS YOU TO SHOW.

THE APOSTLE PETER GAVE SOME GOOD EXAMPLES OF HOW TO BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP WHEN HE SAID: "ABOVE ALL, LOVE EACH OTHER DEEPLY, BECAUSE LOVE COVERS OVER A MULTITUDE OF SINS. OFFER HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT GRUMBLING. EACH OF YOU SHOULD USE WHATEVER GIFT YOU HAVE RECEIVED TO SERVE OTHERS, AS FAITHFUL STEWARDS OF GOD'S GRACE IN ITS VARIOUS FORMS."¹



Footnote

¹ 1 Peter 4:8–10 NIV

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