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*(Pronounced makh'-ahee-rah)*

- Daily revelatory thoughts to sharpen you and to help you grow in deep spiritual understanding and knowledge.
- Scriptures for your daily meditation.
- Daily Christ-centered and apostolic-prophetic prayers.

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**PRACTICE BROTHERLY LOVE - ABOUND  
IN THESE THINGS 8 (ABUNDANT  
FRUIT-BEARERS 21)**

*"But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance,*

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*to perseverance godliness, to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ" 2 Peter 1:5-8 (NKJV).*

From the verse 7 of 2 Peter 1, the apostle Peter, crowns the items for fruitfulness with two transcending verities:

1. Brotherly Kindness (or Brotherly Love) and
2. LOVE.

Let's have a quick look at these two beautiful and refreshing verities.

### **BROTHERLY KINDNESS (Love):**

It's from the Greek word, "philadelphia" composed of *phílos* or *phileo* and *adelphos*. *Philos* or *phileo* means beloved, dear, friendly or to have affection.

Whiles *Adelphos* means brother.

Thus, *philadelphia* means "*fraternal love*", brotherly love (kindness), love of the brethren or to have affection for a brother. Brotherly love refers to

the love members of a family held for each other and would not usually be used to describe the love between members of different families. Jesus in His commandments to His disciples, revealed the essence of philadelphia (brotherly love).

(Read more of LOVING ONE ANOTHER here episode 24 and 25 of the Machaira)

***"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"*** John 13:35 (KJV)

Brotherly love is our testimony of discipleship to the world. The love we demonstrate, one to another enables us to bear much fruits (see John 15:16-17).

The Church cultivated practical kindness towards one another. This radically depleted their differences in culture, status and diverse backgrounds. They hewn a bond of love in Christ wherein believing Greeks and Jews, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarians, Scythians, slaves and freemen, men and women were now all one in

their Lord Jesus. They willingly stood for one another, supplied help to each others shortcomings, and they loved unselfishly. These brethren distributed all they had equally among themselves.

The extent you love a brother or a sister in the Lord, is the extent you demonstrate the Love of God in you.

*"If someone says, "I love God," but hates a fellow believer, that person is a liar; for if we don't love people we can see, how can we love God, whom we cannot see? And he has given us this command: Those who love God must also love their fellow believers."* 1 John 4:20-21 (NLT).

One may ask, what is the connection with being kind or loving a brother Lord to my FRUIT-BEARING?

Okay, read Galatians 6:7-10 (TPT):

*"Make no mistake about it, God will never be mocked! For what you plant will always be the very thing you harvest.*

*The harvest you reap reveals the seed that was planted. If you plant the corrupt seeds of self - life into this natural realm, you can expect to experience a harvest of corruption.*

***If you plant the good seeds of Spirit-life you will reap the beautiful fruits that grow from the everlasting life of the Spirit."***

*And don't allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you've planted is coming!*

***Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith!"***

(NB: Read these verses also from the Message and Amplified Bible).

Being a blessing to others is how you plant seeds, and harvests great fruits. And beloved, be a blessing **most especially**, to the brothers and sisters who are of the eternal family of Christ (these are the

born-again believers.

**DIG DEEPER:**

(1 John 4:7-21; Romans 12:10; 1 Thessalonians 3:12; Acts 2:44-45; Acts 4:32)

**BIBLE READING IN THE YEAR 2023**

Day 44: Numbers 1-3

**DECLARE THESE WORDS:**

- I walk in the Love of Christ.
- I genuinely love the brethren.
- I go all out for the brethren in the faith.
- I affectionately serve the saints with genuine heart of love.
- I demonstrate my love for God and my discipleship by loving the saints.
- I don't get tired in doing good.

Hallelujah!!!