**Sibling Rivalries**

**Sibling rivalry is a type of competition or animosity among siblings, whether blood related or not. Siblings generally spend more time together during childhood than they do with parents. This competition can sometime split loving siblings apart. The first sibling rivalry was recorded in the bible between Cain and Able. Such a rivalry led to bloodshed, which is not something that God approves of neither does he approve of parents pitting their children against each other. So let’ see what the bible has to say about this:**

[**Proverbs 15:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Proverbs+15%3A1&version=ESV) **A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger.**

[**1 Corinthians 13:4-6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Corinthians+13%3A4-6&version=ESV) **Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth.**

[**James 4:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+4%3A1&version=ESV) **What causes quarrels and what causes fights among you? Is it not this, that your passions are at war within you?**

[**1 John 3:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+3%3A17&version=ESV) **But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?**

[**1 John 4:20**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+4%3A20&version=ESV) **If anyone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen.**

[**Romans 12:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+12%3A18&version=ESV) **If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all.**

[**Luke 12:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+12%3A12&version=ESV) **For the Holy Spirit will teach you in that very hour what you ought to say.”**

[**1 Thessalonians 5:15**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Thessalonians+5%3A15&version=ESV) **See that no one repays anyone evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to everyone.**

[**Matthew 5:21-22**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A21-22&version=ESV) **“You have heard that it was said to those of old, ‘You shall not murder; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.’ But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother will be liable to judgment; whoever insults his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, ‘You fool!’ will be liable to the hell of fire.**

[**1 Peter 4:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Peter+4%3A8&version=ESV) **Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins.**

[**Psalm 133:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+133%3A1&version=ESV) **A Song of Ascents. Of David. Behold, how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity!**

[**James 1:2-3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+1%3A2-3&version=ESV) **Count it all joy, my brothers, when you meet trials of various kinds, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness.**

[**James 5:9**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=James+5%3A9&version=ESV) **Do not grumble against one another, brothers, so that you may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing at the door**