

1 **IN THE MEANTIME**
(What do you do while you're waiting for the Second Coming?)

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3 **LOVE ONE ANOTHER**

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- Love is Taught by God
- We love one another because we all have the same Father.

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- 1 John 4:19: "We love Him because He first loved us."
- John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another."
- Romans 5:5: "The love of God has been poured out in our hearts by the Holy Spirit who was given to us."
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6 **The Miracle of Brotherly Love:**

- Brotherly Love was a totally foreign concept
- Love reaches out to all those in need
- Paul's Challenge – To love more and more
- D. L. Moody – a great example of God's love.

7 **Pursue Quietness with a Holy Ambition**

- The favorite pastime was to gossip, to meddle in the affairs of other people.
- Psalm 46:10: "Be still, and know that I am God."
- Matthew 11:28-29: "Come to Me, all you who labor and are heaven laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls."

8 **The Caterpillar Pillar**

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11 **Mind Your Own Business and Be Productive**

- v. 11b: *"mind your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you."*
- The Problem: They had become so consumed by their anticipation of the imminent return of Jesus that they could think of nothing else

12 **Be a Good Witness Through Your Job**

- v. 12: *that you may walk properly toward those who are outside, and that you may lack nothing.*
- Walk Properly = Living in such a way that we are a good witness to our co-workers.
- Colossians 4:5: *"Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time."*