



Outer Growth - Esau Jacob

Whosoever hateth his brother is a murderer: and ye know that no murderer hath eternal life abiding in him. *1 John 3:15*

If a brother or sister be naked, and destitute of daily food, *James 2:15*

And one of you say unto them, Depart in peace, be ye warmed and filled; notwithstanding ye give them not those things which are needful to the body; what doth it profit? *James 2:16*

Elder ----- 1 Timothy 5:1, 5:2

Sold ----- Ezekiel 7:13

Adult ----- 1 Corinthians 13:11

Ungodly ----- Jude 1:15

Juvenile ----- 1 Peter 5:5

Adult ----- Titus 2:6

Cunning ---- Ephesians 4:14

Observant -- Isaiah 42:20

Brother ----- 2 Peter 1:7

Esau and Jacob, brothers. Esau the oldest, a little careless, the firstborn, and focused on earthly priorities. Jacob the youngest, simple yet very crafty, watchful, careful, waiting for an opportunity. These two brothers are prime examples of how some of us live with our siblings or other relatives within the family. Despite all the drama we might experience with them, at

the end of the day, we must remember to love and be kind to them as God has ordained.

Esau, being the firstborn, is the leader in setting an example to the younger one.

The opportunity to set the tone as the eldest, to make the family proud of their upbringing, and to make God happy as well. However, Esau did not take notice of those things, he lived his life how we do at first: to fulfill the desires we have within and not worry about anyone else. He

knew that he was the man first between the two and did not have a godly nature.

Jacob, the youngest, had to look up or ahead of his older brother to learn how to imitate his ways. Being second as a child is not great sometimes. Even though we get to see how the older one lives in that position, we never get to make our path. Nothing original, only hear "follow your brother or sister" speech when the opportunity comes to learn something.

This is dangerous because some things need to be taught by the parents to each child. After all, the output from each child might not be ideal for the second. Do not want to adopt something that the parents did not monitor or review.

Jacob was smart because he notices some of the things that his brother did not care for and knew that it became his chance to make an impression on at least one of his parents. Sometimes a brother or sister feud can create a parent feud which could lead to a family feud.

Whatever position we have in the family, God wants us to love, be patient, forgive, and be brothers.

Bible Verses:

Matthew 12:50

Luke 17:3

1 Thessalonians 4:6