

_____ One Another

I. Scriptural Imperatives Toward One Another

A. Relationships

Members

Rom. 12:5 “so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another.”

Eph. 4:25 “Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth, each one *of you*, with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.”

Fellowship

1 John 1:7 “but if we walk in the light as He Himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.”

Acceptance

Rom. 15:7 “Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.”

B. Attitudes

Preference

Rom. 12:10 “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor”

Care

1 Cor. 12:25 “that there should be no division in the body, but *that* the members should have the same care for one another.”

Forbearance

Eph. 4:2 “with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love”

Forgive

Eph. 4:32 “And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.”

Col. 3:13 “bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.”

Humility & Equality

Rom. 12:16 “Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Rom. 15:5 “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus”

1 Pet. 5:5 “You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble”.

Eph. 5:21 “and be subject to one another in the fear of Christ.”

Phil. 2:3 “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself”

Love

John 13:34,35 "Anew commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

John 15:12 "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you."

John 15:17 "This I command you, that you love one another."

1 Thess. 3:12 "and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also *do* for you"

1 Thess. 4:9 "Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for *anyone* to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another"

1 Pet. 1:22 "Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart"

1 Pet. 4:8 "Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins."

1 John 3:11 "For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another"

1 John 3:23 "And this is His commandment, that we believe in the name of His Son Jesus Christ, and love one another, just as He commanded us."

1 John 4:7 "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God."

1 John 4:11,12 "Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."

12 "No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us."

2 John 1:5 "And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another."

C. Actions

Spread the Gospel

Ezek. 33:30 "But as for you, son of man, your fellow citizens who talk about you by the walls and in the doorways of the houses, speak to one another, each to his brother, saying, 'Come now, and hear what the message is which comes forth from the Lord.'"

Speak Truth

Zech. 8:16 "These are the things which you should do: speak the truth to one another; judge with truth and judgment for peace in your gates."

Admonish

Rom. 15:14 "And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another."

Col. 3:16 "Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms *and* hymns *and* spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God."

Sing

Eph. 5:19 "speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord"

Build

Prov. 27:17 "Iron sharpens iron, So one man sharpens another."

Rom. 14:19 "So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another."

Encourage

1 Thess. 5:11 “Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.”

Heb. 3:13 “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Heb. 10:25 “not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.”

Stimulate

Heb. 10:24 “and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds”

Confess to & Pray for

James 5:16 “Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.”

Hospitality

1 Pet. 4:9 “Be hospitable to one another without complaint.”

Serve

Gal. 5:13 “For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.”

1 Pet. 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Wait

1 Cor. 11:33 “So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.”

Greet

Rom. 16:16 ‘Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.’

Comfort

1 Thess. 4:18 “Therefore comfort one another with these words.”

Be At Peace

Mark 9:50 “Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty *again*? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

1 Thess. 5:13 “and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.”

D. Things Forbidden

Lie

Lev. 19:11 “You shall not steal, nor deal falsely, nor lie to one another.”

Ps. 12:2 “They speak falsehood to one another; With flattering lips and with a double heart they speak.”

Col. 3:9 “Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its *evil* practices,”

Judge

Rom. 14:13 “Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.”

James 4:11 “Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge *of it*.”

Wrong

Lev. 25:14 “If you make a sale, moreover, to your friend, or buy from your friend's hand, you shall not wrong one another.”

Lev. 25:17 “So you shall not wrong one another, but you shall fear your God; for I am the Lord your God.”

Sin

1 Sam. 2:25 “If one man sins against another, God will mediate for him; but if a man sins against the Lord, who can intercede for him?” But they would not listen to the voice of their father, for the Lord desired to put them to death.

Rule Severely

Lev. 25:46 “You may even bequeath them to your sons after you, to receive as a possession; you can use them as permanent slaves. But in respect to your countrymen, the sons of Israel, you shall not rule with severity over one another.”

Hate

Matt. 24:10 “And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.”

Titus 3:3 “For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.”

Devise Evil

Zech. 7:10 “and do not oppress the widow or the orphan, the stranger or the poor; and do not devise evil in your hearts against one another.”

Luke 23:12 “Now Herod and Pilate became friends with one another that very day; for before they had been at enmity with each other.”

Worldly Talk

Mark 9:34 “But they kept silent, for on the way they had discussed with one another which *of them* was the greatest.”

Luke 20:14 “But when the vine-growers saw him, they reasoned with one another, saying, ‘This is the heir; let us kill him that the inheritance may be ours.’”

Worldly Glory

John 5:44 “How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another, and you do not seek the glory that is from the *one and* only God?”

Vengeance

1 Thess. 5:15 “See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.”

Complain

James 5:9 “Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.”

Sue

1 Cor. 6:7 “Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?”

Envy

Gal. 5:26 “Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.”

Consume

Gal. 5:15 “But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.”

II. Why We Must Act This Way Toward Each Other

A. Mutual Edification – Who Else Will Do It?

2 Tim. 2:2 “And the things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, these entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also.”

Heb. 3:13 “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Who is going to teach us and encourage us in the truth?

Who else can pray for us effectively?

B. Spiritual Family

1 Tim. 3:15 “but in case I am delayed, {I write} so that you may know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.”

We are to be like the apostles - leave all for Christ - what do we have then?

Mark 10:28-30 “Peter began to say to Him, “Behold, we have left everything and followed You.”

29 Jesus said, “Truly I say to you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or farms, for My sake and for the gospel’s sake,

30 but that he shall receive a hundred times as much now in the present age, houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and farms, along with persecutions; and in the age to come, eternal life.”

III. Things Necessary for These Things to Occur

A. Continual - Constant Contact

what if a husband was not in contact with his wife or children except once a week?

Heb. 3:13 “But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called “Today,” lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

Contact and encourage another Christian - TODAY

2 Cor. 6:2 “for He says, “ At the acceptable time I listened to you, And on the day of salvation I helped you”; behold, now is “ the acceptable time,” behold, now is “ the day of salvation”-

What if this is the day of salvation for someone else and you don’t contact them?

What if this is the day of salvation for you and no one helps you see it?

B. True Love

More verses tell us to do this to one another than any other action or attitude

1 Pet. 1:22 “Since you have in obedience to the truth purified your souls for a sincere love of the brethren, fervently love one another from the heart”

true, fervent love this love keeps us going day after day for an entire faithful lifetime.

C. Spiritual – Not Worldly – Concerns and Connections

Matt. 6:21 “for where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.”
of necessity we see our co-workers and family more than anyone else
but of our voluntary, willful associations, who do we see the most in life?
does your time and contact show a worldly concern or a spiritual one?