

Members One of Another

Introduction:

Scripture clearly states that we as Christians, members of the Body of Christ, are “members one of another;”

- **Ephesians 4:25** *Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.*
- **Romans 12:5** *so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.* Because we are, there are things that we shouldn't do and things we should do.

Things we shouldn't do:

❖ Judge one Another

- **Romans 14:13** Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

❖ Bite and devour one another

- **Galatians 5:15** But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

❖ Provoke or envy one another:

- **Galatians 5:26** Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another.

❖ Lie one to another:

- **Colossians 3:9** Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,

❖ Speak evil of one another:

- **James 4:11a** Do not speak evil of one another, brethren.

❖ Grumble one against another:

- **James 5:9** Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door!

Things we should do:

❖ Love one another is mentioned 15 times, also to abound in it

- **1 Thessalonians 4:9** But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

- **1 Peter 1:22** Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,
- ❖ Have peace with one another,
 - **Mark 9:50** "Salt is good, but if the salt loses its flavor, how will you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and have peace with one another."
- ❖ Be affectionate one to another:
 - **Romans 12:10** Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;
 - **Ephesians 4:32** And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, just as God in Christ forgave you.
- ❖ Be of the same mind one to another:
 - **Romans 12:16** Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.
 - **1 Corinthians 12:25** that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.
- ❖ Edify one another:
 - **Romans 14:19** Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.
- ❖ Receive one another:
 - **Romans 15:7** Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.
- ❖ Admonish one another:
 - **Romans 15:14** Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.
- ❖ Greet one another:
 - **Romans 16:16** Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you.
- ❖ Wait for one another:
 - **1 Corinthians 11:33** Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.
- ❖ Serve one another:
 - **Galatians 5:13** For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.
 - **John 13:14-16** If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him.

- ❖ Bear with one another's:
 - **Galatians 6:2** Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
 - **Ephesians 4:2** with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,
- ❖ Submit yourselves one to another:
 - **Ephesians 5:21** submitting to one another in the fear of God.
 - **1 Peter 5:5** Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."
- ❖ Esteem each other better than yourselves:
 - **Philippians 2:3** Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself.
- ❖ Forgive one another:
 - **Colossians 3:13** bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.
- ❖ Comfort one another:
 - **1 Thessalonians 4:18** Therefore comfort one another with these words.
- ❖ Pursue for the good of all:
 - **1 Thessalonians 5:15** See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.
- ❖ Consider one another:
 - **Hebrews 10:24** And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,
- ❖ Confess your faults one to another:
 - **James 5:16a** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.
- ❖ Pray one for another:
 - **James 5:16b** Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much
- ❖ Use hospitality one to another:
 - **1 Peter 4:9** Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.
- ❖ Have fellowship one with another:
 - **1 John 1:7** But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Conclusion:

A chain is only as strong as its weakest link! That is true of the church. Each individual member must seek to be a blessing, not a burden to the rest of the body. *“Beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”* **Ephesians 4:1b-3**