

Devotional Material
March 29, 2020

To reinforce today's message, I'd like to encourage you to read through the passages listed below. If you are alone, read them to yourself and ponder them. If you are with your spouse, or family, read through and discuss them collectively. I'm going to call them the "one another" passages. It is not a comprehensive list. There are some passages which I didn't include, but even this list is amazing. It is a powerful reminder of how important it is to God that we put Christian fellowship into practice. It is a wonderful listing of how to do that.

Romans 12:10	<u>Be devoted to one another</u> in brotherly love. <u>Honor one another</u> above yourselves.
Romans 12:16	<u>Live in harmony with one another.</u>
Romans 14:13	... <u>stop passing judgment on one another.</u>
Romans 15:7	<u>Accept one another,</u>
1 Corinthians 1:10	... <u>agree with one another</u> so that there may be no divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.
Galatians 5:13	But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, <u>serve one another</u> in love.
Ephesians 4:32	<u>Be kind and compassionate to one another,</u> forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
Ephesians 5:19	<u>Speak to one another</u> with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.
Ephesians 5:21	<u>Submit to one another</u> out of reverence for Christ.
Colossians 3:13	Bear with each other and <u>forgive</u> whatever grievances you may have against <u>one another.</u>
1 Thessalonians 5:11	... <u>encourage one another</u> and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.
Hebrews 10:24	... <u>spur one another on</u> toward love and good deeds.
James 4:11	... <u>do not slander one another.</u>
1 Peter 1:22	... <u>love one another</u> deeply, from the heart.
1 Peter 4:9	<u>Offer hospitality to one another</u> without grumbling.
1 Peter 5:5	All of you, <u>clothe yourselves with humility toward one another,</u> ...

Permit me to suggest that you use these passages in three different ways:

1) Use them as a tool for **self-examination**. Let these verses lead you to think or as a family discuss areas that we might be falling short of God's will. It's so easy to go through life and develop selfish habits. Especially since the world we live in could care less if we practice Christian love. But God cares. He can use these passages to call us to repentance, to bring us to the foot of the cross confessing our sin, seeing his overwhelming love for us and then moving us to practice Christian love for "one another."

2) Use them as a **guide**. These passages are a continual reminder of how God wants us to treat "one another." Read through the list and looking at the verbs in the "one another" passages. Think and talk about how under current circumstances we might put those verbs into action.

3) Finally, use this list to remind you that as a child of God you have a tremendous **purpose** in life. When you and I treat one another in the way these passages encourage us, we are becoming the voice, the eyes and ears, the hands and feet of our God, putting his love into practice in a very tangible way that impacts the lives of others.

One final thought, why don't you take this list and put it up on a wall, or on the refrigerator, or on the table beside your bed. Put it somewhere that you will have access to it on a regular basis. And then regularly use it in the three ways mentioned.