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Serving One Another

Ephesians 4:25



EPHESIANS

THE WEALTH, WALK
& WARFARE
OF THE BELIEVER

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Eph. 4:15, “but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ—

Eph. 4:16, “from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.”

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Rom. 12:4, “For as we have many members in one body, but all the members do not have the same function,

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

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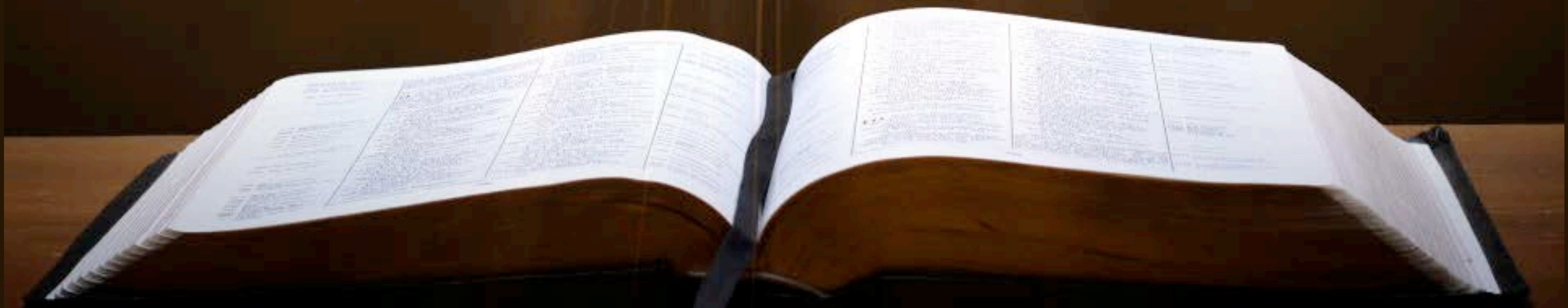
1 Cor. 12:27, “Now you are the body of Christ, and members individually.”

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What the Bible Teaches About

Our Ministry to “One Another”



1. The Greek word is ἀλλήλων; *allēlōn*, meaning one person to others in a group.

Most of the New Testament contexts are addressed to congregations.

The idea is how believers within the congregation should treat other believers in that congregation specifically.

By extension this applies to any other believer, anyone who is in the body of Christ!

2. “Love one another” is the most common command in the New Testament. Fifteen distinct times this is stated.

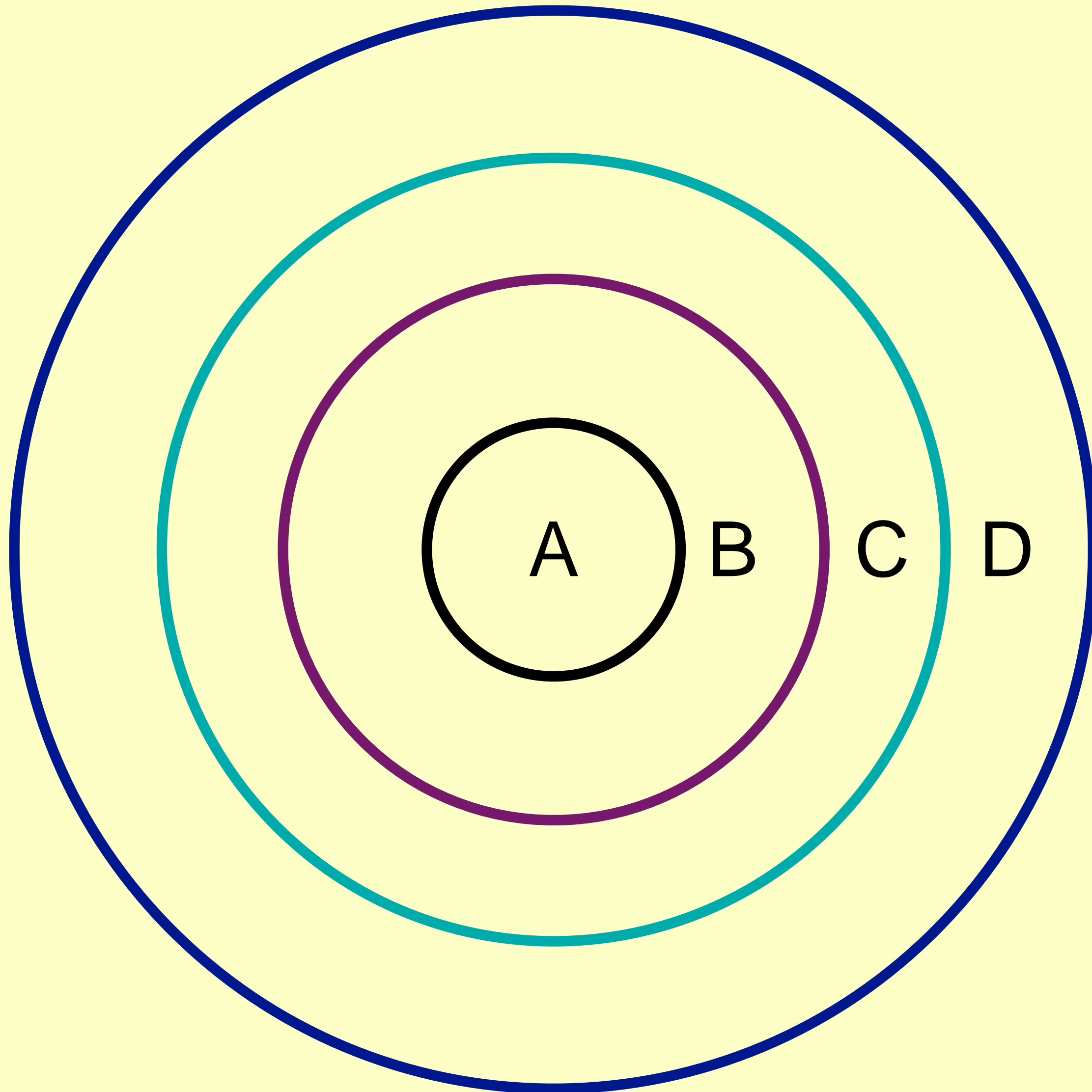
John, Paul, Peter each mention this.

In fact, the other 18 “one anothers” are all manifestations of this one command: humility, forgiveness, kindness, putting up with each other, not judging or maligning or gossiping about one another.

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.”

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” ~NKJV

Circles of Friendship



- D. Acquaintance, neighbor, co-worker, someone you see once or twice a week at church.
- C. Share an interest or hobby with, golf, workout, kids; spend time with related to these common interests.
- B. Consider a friend; talk with frequently, spend a lot of time with, socialize with, pray with.
- A. Very close, usually long time; Few of these, share intimate problems or joys with.

Eph. 4:11, “And He Himself gave some to be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers,

Eph. 4:12, “for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,”

3. Serve one another

Gal. 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.”

4. Members of one another

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**ἐν πνεύματι, *en pneumati*;
En plus the dative,
By means of the Spirit**

**βαπτίζω , *baptizo*
Aor **pass** ind, 1p
To dip, plunge, immerse,
to identify**

εἰς, *eis*

**With the
accusative
indicating
Direction, goal**

Eternal Realities

Temporal Realities



ACTS 16:31



IN CHRIST
New Man

**Baptism by the
Holy Spirit**

The baptism by means of the Holy Spirit is the work of Christ whereby at the moment of faith alone in Christ alone Christ uses the Holy Spirit to identify the believer with the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ. (Rom. 6:3–6)

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5. Encourage one another

Rom. 1:12, “that is, that I may be **encouraged together with you** by the mutual faith both of you and me.”

συμπαρακαλέω *sumparakaleō*
aor pass infin
to be encouraged together

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

παρακαλέω *parakaleō*
pres act impera 2 plur
to urge, exhort, comfort

1 Thess. 5:11, “Therefore **comfort each other** and **edify one another**, just as you also are doing.”

παρακαλέω *parakaleō*

to urge, exhort, comfort

BDAG: ② to urge strongly, appeal to, urge, exhort, encourage;

③ to make a strong request for something, request, implore,

entreat; ④ to instill someone with courage or cheer, comfort;

⑤ In several places παρ. appears to mean simply treat someone in an inviting or congenial manner, something like our “be open to the other, have an open door” or “to invite”; NASB “to beg, plead, implore”

**Exhort: 1. strongly encourage or urge (someone) to do something.
2. to make a strong request for something, request, implore, entreat.**

Comfort: consolation for grief or anxiety.

6. Be kindly affectionate to one another

Rom. 12:10, “Be kindly affectionate [devoted] to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;”

φιλόστοργος *philostorgos*

masc plur nom

devoted, loving; “loving dearly, loving warmly, loving tenderly, affectionate”

Used only here in the New Testament.

Frequently used in wills to designate familial affection.

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The less frequent verb *stergō* means to love, feel affection, especially of the mutual love of parents and children. It can also be used of the love of a people for their ruler, the love of a tutelary god for the people, and even of dogs for their master.

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③ The difficult passage ... Rom. 12:10 is understood by the versions (Old Italian, Vulgate, Syrian, Armenian) to mean “try to outdo one another in showing respect.”

- Others make an association w. ἡγεῖσθαι=consider, esteem and prefer the sense “consider better, esteem more highly” for *proegeomai*:
- As far as honor is concerned, let each one esteem the other more highly (than oneself)

8. Be of the same mind to one another

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Php. 2:4, “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.

Php. 2:5, “Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus,” ~NKJV

Php. 2:6, “who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God,

Php. 2:7, “but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men.

Php. 2:8, “And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.

Php. 2:9, “Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name,

Php. 2:10, “that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth,

Php. 2:11, “and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.” ~NKJV

9. Building up one another (Rom. 14:19)

Rom. 14:19, “Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.”

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Figurative for growth
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pres act infin

to warn, admonish,

includes sometimes

correction and instruction

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Acts 20:31, “Therefore watch, and remember that for three years I did not cease to warn everyone night and day with tears.” ~NKJV

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1 Cor. 4:14, “I do not write these things to shame you, but as my beloved children I warn you.” ~NKJV

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Col. 1:28, “Him we preach, warning every man and teaching every man in all wisdom, that we may present every man perfect in Christ Jesus.” ~NKJV

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Col. 3:16, “Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” ~NKJV

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1 Thess. 5:12, “And we urge you, brethren, to recognize those who labor among you, and are over you in the Lord and admonish you,” ~NKJV

1 Thess. 5:14, “Now we exhort you, brethren, warn those who are unruly, comfort the fainthearted, uphold the weak, be patient with all.” ~NKJV

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10. Admonish one another (Rom. 15:14)

2 Thess. 3:15, “Yet do not count him as an enemy, but **admonish** him as a brother.” ~NKJV

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11. Accept one another (Rom. 15:7)

Rom. 15:7, “Therefore receive one another, **just as** Christ also received us, to the glory of God.”

προσλαμβάνω *proslambanō*

2 plur pres mid impera

to increase; to receive, accept

12. Same care for one another (1 Cor. 12:25)

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

**μεριμνάω (*merimnaō*),
care, concern, be anxious**

13. Be kind to one another, forgiving each other

John 13:14, “If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.”

Eph. 4:32, “And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.”

Col. 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.”

14. Think about one another to stir up to love and good deeds.

Heb. 10:24, “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

Heb. 10:25, “not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.” ~NKJV

**κατανοέω *katanoēō*
1 plur pres act subj
to understand,
consider**

**παροξυσμός
(paroxysmos), rousing
to activity, stirring up**

**παρακαλέω *parakaleō*
pres act participle 2
plur “by encouraging,”
to urge, exhort, comfort**

15. Show tolerance for one another in love (Eph. 4:2)

Eph. 4:2, “with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing [showing tolerance; putting up with each other’s weaknesses] with one another in love,”

Col. 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.”

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16. Submit to one another (Eph. 5:21)

Eph. 5:21, “submitting to one another in the fear of God.”

1 Pet. 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.’ ”

17. Confess to one another, i.e., apologize when you wrong someone, not public self-flagellation

James 5:16, “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.”

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Prohibited Behavior toward One Another

1. Do not judge one another

Rom. 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.”

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

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

2. Do not lie to one another

Col. 3:9, “Do not lie to one another, since you have put off the old man with his deeds,”

3. Do not render evil to one another

1 Thess. 5:15, “See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.”