

BEING A CHURCH "BODY BUILDER"

A Look at the importance of Building up One Another

- 1) **We are ONE BODY in Christ, and individually MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER (Rom 12:4-8; I Cor 12:12-27)**
 - * **Christ is the Head of the body (Eph 1:22-23, 5:30; Col 1:18)**
 - * **Building Up the Body and each other is important (Eph 4:11-16, 29; I Thes 5:11)**
- 2) **We are a family, and should be DEVOTED to each other in brotherly LOVE (Rom 12:10; I Thes 4:9-10; Heb 13:1; I Pet 1:22)**
 - * **God is our Father (Eph 3:14) and we are His adopted children and part of His family (Eph 1:5; Gal 3:26-4:7)**
 - * **We should love each other in the family (Rom 13:8; I Jn 3:11, 4:7-21; I Pet 1:22-23; 4:8; I Thes 3:12, 4:9-10; 2 Pet 1:3-8; Col 3:14). We should be known for our love for each other (John 13:34-35).**
- 3) **We should HONOR one another above ourselves (Rom 12:10; Phil 2:3))**
 - * **Example of Jesus washing feet (Jn 13:12-15)**
 - * **"Greatest among you shall be your servant" (Mt 23:5-12)**
- 4) **We should be of the SAME MIND (i.e. unity) (Jn 17:20- 23; Rm 15:5-6; Rom 14:19; I Cor 1:10; Eph 4:3; Rm 12:16; Acts 4:32; Acts 2:46)**
- 5) **We should ACCEPT each other (Rm 15:1-7; Rom 14:1; James 2:1)**
- 6) **We should FORGIVE each other (Eph 4:32; Col 3:13)**
- 7) **We should ADMONISH/INSTRUCT/TEACH each other (Rom 15:14; Col 3:16)**
- 8) **We should GREET each other (Rom 16:3-16; I Cor 16:20; 2 Cor 13:12; I Thes 5:26; I Pet 5:14)**
- 9) **We should SERVE each other in LOVE (Gal 5:13-15; Mt 23:11; I Pet 4:10)**
- 10) **We should BEAR each other's BURDENS (Gal 6:2; Rm 15:1-2; Jm 5:16)**
- 11) **We should be PATIENT and BEAR WITH each other in love (Eph 4:2; Col 3:12-13; Mt 18:21-22; I Thes 5:16)**
- 12) **We should be KIND and COMPASSIONATE with each other (Eph 4:32; I Thes 5:15)**
- 13) **We should SUBMIT to each other (Eph 5:21; Mt 20:25-28)**

- 14) We should **ENCOURAGE** each other (I Thes 2:10-12, 5:11; Col 2:2; Heb 10:24-25)
- 15) We should **PRAY** for each other (James 5:16; Col 4:2-6)
- 16) We should **SHARE** with each other (Rom 12:13)
- 17) We should **PRACTICE HOSPITALITY** with each other (Rom 12:13; I Pet 4:9)
- 18) We should live in **HARMONY** and **PEACE** with each other (Rom 12:16; I Thes 5:13)
- 19) We should **COMFORT** each other (I Thes 4:18)
- 20) We should seek and **DO GOOD** to each other (Gal 6:9-10; I Thes 5:15)
- 21) We should be **HUMBLE** with each other (I Peter 5:15)

We should be working together on **Common Vision, Purpose & Goals** (“**Knowing Christ to Make Him Known**”; **Great Commands & Great Commission**) (Phil 3:8-10; Mat 22:34-40, 28:18-20).

CASE STUDY:

Early Jerusalem Church

(Acts 2:42-47)

Another Case Study:

CHURCH AT THESSALONICA

- Bustling sea port city; important commercial and trade center; capital of its province; largest city in Macedonia with population over 200,000
- Mostly Gentile church with some Jews
- Initially started by Paul and Silas, later Timothy played an important role (Acts 17:1-9; I Thess chapter 3)
- Based on what Paul wrote in his two letters to the church, we can gather that this was overall a healthy church that was doing well in building up each other. Paul encourages them to keep it up and do even better! He also provides additional teaching to clear up misunderstandings and better ground them in truth.
- Some selected verses from I Thessalonians:
 - 1:1-3
 - 3:6
 - 3:11-13
 - 4:9-10
 - 5:9-11
 - 5:12-28