

**Be a Blessing to the Body of Christ**  
**By Loving Devotion to Your Spiritual Siblings – Part 2**  
***Unto the Growth of the Body***

A key component of our life together as members of Christ's body is helping one another to develop and mature personally and spiritually.

In **Ephesians 4**, we see the plan laid out:

- *Step 1:* Christ gives gifted men to the church for the equipping of the congregation for ministry. (**vs.10–12**)
- *Step 2:* The congregation grows in unity and maturity as a result of the ministry of the gifted men. (**vs.13–14**)
- *Step 3:* The equipped, mature congregation functions as intended, each one ministering according to his/her own giftedness for **the growth of the church**. (**vs.15–16**)

This afternoon we will look at five ways Scripture teaches you how to contribute to the growth of the body through one-another ministry.

**I. \_\_\_\_\_ One Another** – Romans 14:1

- Take careful note of the actions that we are commanded to do and not to do toward one another in this chapter.
- What kind of attitudes toward our brothers and sisters will we have if we follow Paul's instructions in this chapter?
- Think of a sacrifice you may need to make if you are caring for your spiritual siblings in these ways.

II. \_\_\_\_\_ **One Another** – Colossians 3:16

This is a vitally important component of helping your brothers and sisters to grow in the faith. Each member must be consumed with the Word of God.

➤ How does a common commitment to and admiration for Scripture play out in your fellowship?

- \_\_\_\_\_ each other

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Remember the words of Proverbs 27:6:

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend,  
But deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.”

- \_\_\_\_\_ the truths you hold dear

- \_\_\_\_\_ to our Father corporately

**III. \_\_\_\_\_ One Another – Colossians 3:16**

What do we learn from the following texts?

- **1 Corinthians 4:14**
- **Colossians 1:28–29**
- **2 Thessalonians 3:15**
- **Romans 15:14**

**IV. \_\_\_\_\_ One Another**

See **Ephesians 4:29**

- What kind of words build-up others in the body of Christ?
- What kind of speaking could lead to tearing people down, whether intentionally or unintentionally?

**V. \_\_\_\_\_ One Another**

- A. The Apostle Paul regularly asked for the saints to pray for him – **2 Thessalonians 3:1–2; Colossians 4:2–4**

- For what did Paul ask the saints to pray?
- If you desire and ask people to pray for you, what does that indicate about you? How are you thinking about yourself? What does it acknowledge?

B. We are commanded to pray for our brothers and sisters – **Ephesians 6:18–20**

- How does Paul describe the manner of the prayer that is commanded here?