

All praise to the God and Father of our Master, Jesus the Messiah! Father of all mercy! God of all healing counsel! He comes alongside us when we go through hard times, and before you know it, he brings us alongside someone else who is going through hard times so that we can be there for that person just as God was there for us.

II Corinthians 1:3-4 (MSG)

Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. ²Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ. -Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:1-2, 10 (NIV)

After washing their feet he...asked, "Do you understand what I was doing?" ¹³You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and you are right, because that's what I am. ¹⁴And since I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you ought to wash each other's feet. ¹⁵I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. ¹⁷Now that you know these things, God will bless you for doing them."

John 13:12-15, 17 (NLT)

God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts.

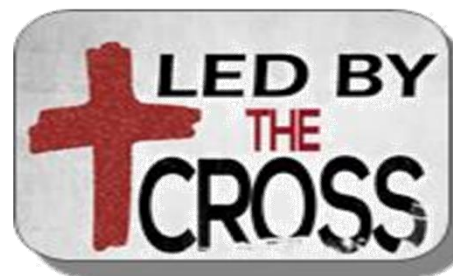
Use them well to serve one another. I Peter 4:10 (NLT)

And further, submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. ²³For...as Christ is the head of the church. He is the Savior of his body, the church. ²⁵...Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God's word. ²⁷He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. ²⁹...Christ cares for the church. ³⁰And we are members of his body. ³²... Christ and the church are one.

Ephesians 5:21-32 (selected from NLT)

**Since Christ gave His life to _____ the church;
We should give our lives to _____ the church!**

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Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹²Greet one another with a holy kiss. ¹³All God's people here send their greetings. ¹⁴May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

II Corinthians 13:11-14 (NIV)

So now you Gentiles are no longer strangers and foreigners. You are citizens along with all of God's holy people. You are members of God's family. ²⁰Together, we are His house, built on the foundation of the apostles and the prophets. And the cornerstone is Christ Jesus Himself. ²¹We are carefully joined together in Him, becoming a holy temple for the Lord.

Ephesians 2:19-21 (NLT)

All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.

I Corinthians 12:27 (NIV)

Just as our bodies have many parts and each part has a special function, ⁵so it is with Christ's body. We are many parts of one body, and we all belong to each other.

Romans 12:4-5 (NLT)

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common.

Acts 2:42, 44 (NASB)

Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think. ²¹Glory to him in the church and in Christ Jesus through all generations forever and ever! Amen.

Ephesians 3:20-21 (NLT)

We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers. ³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. I Thessalonians 1:2-3 (NIV)

God works through the church to reinforce faith, to renew love, and to restore hope.

Faith, hope and love become identifying qualities of the community of believers as together we...

God's truth.

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching ... Acts 2:42 (NASB)

May God give you more and more grace and peace as you grow in your knowledge of God and Jesus our Lord. II Peter 1:2 (NLT)

Rather, you must grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. All glory to Him, both now and forever! Amen. II Peter 3:18 (NLT)

"Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth." John 17:17 (NLT)

God's family.

They were continually devoting themselves...to fellowship... Acts 2:42 (NASB)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. I John 3:16 (NIV)

"A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." John 13:34-35 (NIV)

for God's glory.

They were continually devoting themselves... to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Acts 2:42 (NASB)

They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. Acts 2:46-47a (NLT)

"But the time is coming—indeed it's here now—when true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth. The Father is looking for those who will worship him that way.²⁴ For God is Spirit, so those who worship him must worship in spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24 (NLT)

others to God.

...And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved. Acts 2:47b (NLT)

When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, *"The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields."* ⁷ Go and announce to them that the Kingdom of Heaven is near. ⁸ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cure those with leprosy, and cast out demons. Give as freely as you have received!

Matthew 9:36-38;10:7-8 (NLT)

in to the family of God.

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Acts 2:44 (NIV)

Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ, who is the head of his body, the church. ¹⁶ He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love. Ephesians 4:15-16 (NLT)

Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. I Thessalonians 5:14 (NLT)