

## The *ONE ANOTHER'S* of the NEW TESTAMENT<sup>1</sup>

1. "Love one another." John 13:34; 15:12, 17; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9; 1 Pet. 1:22; 1 John 3:11, 23; 4:7,11; 2 John 5
2. "Prefer one another" i.e. put the other person first, serve one another, submit to one another, humility). Rom. 12:10; Gal. 5:13; Eph. 5:21; 1 Pet. 5:5
3. "Be of the same mind one to another." Rom. 12:16; 15:5
4. "Don't wrongly judge one another." i.e. in "grey," unclear areas. It does *not* mean that the church doesn't judge or discipline believers cf. 2 John 5-6 [love=obedience to God's Word]; 2 Thess. 3:6-15 cf. Rom. 14:13.
5. "Edify (build up) one another." Rom. 14:19
6. "Receive (accept) one another." Rom. 15:7
7. "Admonish (exhort, discipline, correct, provoke to good works) one another." Rom. 15:14; Col. 3:16; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25
8. "Have the same care (compassion) for one another." 1 Cor. 12:25; 1 Pet. 3:8
9. "Greet (fellowship with) one another." 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 John 1:7
10. "Forbear (forgive, overlook the wrongs) of one another." Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13; Jas. 5:9
11. "Be kind (use hospitality) toward one another." Eph. 4:32; 1 Pet. 4:9
12. "Comfort one another." 1 Thess. 4:18
13. "Confess faults to one another." Jas. 5:16
14. "Pray for one another." Jas. 5:16

### A BIBLICAL EXPANSION ON EACH OF THE ABOVE 14 "ONE ANOTHER'S"

#### 1. "**LOVE**" ONE ANOTHER

- John 13:34-35 – "A new commandment I give unto you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are disciples, if you have love one for another."
- John 15:12, 17 – "This is my commandment, that you love one another, as I have loved you... These things I command you, that you love one another."
- 1 Thess. 3:12-13 – "And may the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and to all, just as we do to you, so that He may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all His saints." (NKJV)

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- 1 Thess. 4:9-10 – “*But as touching brotherly love you need not that I write unto you, for you yourselves are taught of God to love one another. And indeed you do it toward all the brethren which are in all Macedonia. But we beseech you brethren, that you increase more and more;*”
  - 1 Pet. 1:22-23 – “*Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart, having been born again, not of corruptible seed but incorruptible, through the word of God which loves and abides forever.*” (NKJV)
  - 1 John 3:11-12 – “*For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another, not as Cain, who was of that wicked one and slew his brother. And wherefore slew he him? Because his own works were evil and his brother’s righteous.*”
  - 1 John 3:23 – “*And this is his commandment: that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as he gave us commandment.*”
  - 1 John 4:7, 11 – “*Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God... Beloved, if God so loved us, we ought also to love one another.*”
  - 2 John 5 – “*And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.*”
2. **“ADMONISH” ONE ANOTHER** – “*Nouthesia, lit., a putting in mind (nous, mind, tithemi, to put), is used in 1 Cor. 10:11 of the purpose of the [examples in] the Scriptures; in Eph. 6:4, of that which is ministered by the Lord; and in Tit. 3:10, of that which is to be administered for the correction of one who creates trouble in the church. Nouthesia is ‘the training by word,’ whether of encouragement, or, if necessary, by reproof or remonstrance [protest, complaint, Webster’s New World Dictionary]. In contrast to this, the synonymous word *paideia* [i.e. ‘teach’] stresses training by act, though both words are used in each respect...*

*Noutheteo*, cf. the noun above, means to put in mind, admonish, Acts 20:31 (A.V., ‘warn’); Rom. 15:14; 1 Cor. 4:14 (A.V. ‘warn’); Col. 1:28 (A.V., ‘warning’); Col. 3:16; 1 Thess. 5:12, 14 (A.V., ‘warn’) 2 Thess. 3:15.

“[Admonish, *Noutheteo*] It is used, (a) of instruction, (b) of warning. It is thus distinguished from *paideuo*, to correct by discipline, to train by act, Heb. 12:6; cf. Eph. 6:4.

“The difference between ‘admonish’ and ‘teach’ seems to be that, whereas the former [i.e. admonish] has mainly in view the things that are wrong and call for warning, the latter [i.e. teach] has to do chiefly with the impartation of positive truth, cf. Col. 3:16; they were to let the word of Christ dwell richly in them, so that they might be able (1) to teach and admonish one another, and (2) to abound in the praises of God.

“Admonition differs from remonstrance [i.e. complaint, protest], in that...[admonition] is warning based on instruction; the latter may be little more than expostulation [“to demand vehemently...to reason earnestly, objecting to that person’s actions or intentions” (Webster’s New World Dict.)]. For example, though Eli remonstrated with his sons, 1 Sam. 2:24, he failed to admonish them, 3:13, LXX. Pastors and teachers in the churches are thus themselves admonished...so to minister the Word of God to the saints, that, naming the Name of the Lord, [believers] shall depart from unrighteousness, 2 Tim. 2:19.” (All above quotes, W. E. Vine, *An Expository Dictionary of NT Words* (Fleming H. Revell Company: Old Tappan, NJ, 1940, 1966) vol. I, pp. 30-31)

Some typical synonyms would include *exhort, discipline, correct, provoke to good works, etc.*

- Rom. 15:14 – “Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.” (NKJV)
- 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.”
- Heb. 3:12-13 – “Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called ‘Today,’ lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” (NKJV)
- Heb. 10:24-25 – “And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, 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)
- 2 Thess. 3:14-15 – “And if any man obey not our word by this epistle, note that man and have no company with him, that he may be ashamed. Yet count him not as an enemy, but admonish him as a brother.”

3. **“DON'T JUDGE”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. in the "grey" areas. This does not mean that we fail to make judgments regarding right & wrong, good & evil, truth & error, or fail to discipline disobedient & erring believers! Matt. 7:1 cf. vv. 6, 15-20; John 7:24; 1 Cor. 5:3-5, 13; Phil. 1:9-11; Heb. 5:13-14; etc.

- 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.” (NKJV) cf. 2 Thess. 3:6-15
- 2 John 5-6 – “And now I beseech thee, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment unto thee, but that which we had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk after his commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.” i.e. love = obedience to God's Word

4. **“RECEIVE”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. be accepting of one another

- Rom. 15:7 – “Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.” (NKJV) cf.

“Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.” (NASV)

“*PROSLAMBANO* denotes to take to oneself or to receive, always in the Middle Voice, signifying a special interest on the part of the receiver, suggesting a welcome, Acts 28:2; Rom. 14:1, 3; 15:7; Philemon 12.”

(W. E. Vine, *Expository Dictionary of NT Words*, vol. III, p. 255)

5. **“BE OF THE SAME MIND”** ONE TOWARD ANOTHER.

- Rom. 12:16 – “Be of the same mind one toward another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.” (NKJV) cf.

***“Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.”*** (NASV)

- **Rom. 15:5-6** – *“Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be likeminded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus, that you may with one mind and one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (NKJV)

*“Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus; that with one accord you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* (NASV)

A well-known saying from the past is worth repeating here:

*“In essentials, Unity,  
In non-essentials, Liberty,  
In all things, Charity.”<sup>2</sup>*

## 6. **“HAVE THE SAME CARE FOR”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. *Show compassion.*

- **1 Cor. 12:25-26** – *“That there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care one for another. And whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it; or one member be honored, all the members rejoice with it.”*
- **1 Pet. 3:8-9** – *“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous; not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”* (NKJV) cf. *“To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.”* (NASV)

## 7. **“GREET”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. *fellowship together with each other.*

- **1 Cor. 16:20** – *“All the brethren greet you. Greet you one another with an holy kiss.”*
- **2 Cor. 13:12** – *“Greet one another with an holy kiss.”*
- **1 John 1:7** – *“But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.”*

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<sup>2</sup> “Often [erroneously] attributed to...Augustine, it comes from an otherwise undistinguished German Lutheran theologian of the early seventeenth century, Rupertus Meldenius. The phrase occurs in a tract on Christian unity written (circa 1627) during the Thirty Years War (1618-1648), a bloody time in European history in which religious tensions played a significant role. The saying has found great favor among subsequent writers such as Richard Baxter, and has since been adopted as a motto by the Moravian Church of North America and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.” (Mark Ross, *Tabletalk magazine*, Ligonier, accessed 1/21/19)

8. **“BE KIND”** TO ONE ANOTHER i.e. *show hospitality to each other.*

- Eph. 4:32 – “*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*

*“And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.” (NASV)*

- 1 Pet. 4:9 – “*Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.” (NKJV) “without complaint.” (NASV)*

9. **“COMFORT”** ONE ANOTHER.

- 1 Thess. 4:17-18 – “*Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air; and so shall we ever be with the Lord. Wherefore comfort one another with these words.”*

10. **“FORBEAR/FORGIVE”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. *don’t hold grudges, forgive/overlook the wrongs of one another.*

- Eph. 4:1-3 – “*I...beseech you that you walk worthy of the vocation wherewith you are called, with all lowliness and meekness, with longsuffering, forbearing one another in love, endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”*
- Eph. 4:32 – “*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ’s sake hath forgiven you.”*
- Col. 3:13 – “*Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any; even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.”*
- Jas. 5:9 – “*Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold the judge is standing at the door!” (NKJV)*

11. **“CONFESS YOUR FAULTS”** TO ONE ANOTHER

- Jas. 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.” (NKJV)*

12. **“EDIFY”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. *build up one another.*

- Rom. 14:19 – “*Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace and things wherewith one may edify another.”*

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13. **“PRAY FOR”** ONE ANOTHER. Jas. 5:16 – “*Confess your faults one to another and pray one for another that you may be healed. The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.*”

14. **“PREFER”** ONE ANOTHER i.e. *Put the other person first, serve one another, submit to one another, exhibit humility towards others.*

- Rom. 12:10 – “*Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another...*” (NKJV)
- 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.*” (NKJV)
- Eph. 5:21 – “*Submitting yourselves one to another in the fear of God.”*
- 1 Pet. 5:5 – “*Likewise you younger, submit yourselves unto the elder. Yea all of you be subject one to another, and be clothed with humility, for God resists the proud, and gives grace to the humble.”*