

GOD'S "ONE ANOTHER" PLAN

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God has a long list of "ONE ANOTHERS" in Scripture that must not be ignored. We are inter-dependant upon each other. We are one body, His body, with many parts or members. "For just as the body is a unity and yet has many parts, and all the parts, though many, form [only] one body, so it is with Christ. For by [means of the personal agency of] one [Holy] Spirit we were all, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free, baptized [and by baptism united together] into one body, and all made to drink of one [Holy] Spirit. For the body does not consist of one limb *or* organ but of many."

(I Corinthians 12:12-14 AMP)

All Believers are members of the Body of Christ. The human body is an exquisite organism. Scientists cannot duplicate it or even fully understand it. It is a synthesis of many parts working together in a comprehensive whole. What affects one part of the body affects the whole. Each member of the body relates to and is dependant upon other parts of the body. Each contributes to the welfare of the entire body.

So are all Believers as members of the Body of Christ. We should function in Christ's Body as the parts of the human body function in it. In the natural, the amputation or injury of a limb handicaps the whole body. So in the spiritual Body of Christ, there is no Christian brother or sister whom we do not need.

The word "body" [Soma - in the Greek] is related to the word "Sozo" [in the Greek] which has the meaning of: to heal, preserve, be made whole. This clearly shows how our lives are intricately woven together within the Body of Christ. Also, how our well-being depends upon the well-being of others.

If the Church is to shine forth as beacons on a hill, we need to be doers of His Word. The Spiritual Candle power or Light power of individual Believers will become brighter and brighter to the world and in the Church as more of God's "ONE ANOTHER" plan exists in your lives. "I give you a new commandment: that you should love one another. Just as I have loved you, so you too should love **one another**. By this shall all men know that you are My disciples, if you love **one another** [if you keep on showing love among yourselves]. (John 13:34-35 AMP)

You shall know them by their fruits" (Mathew 7:16, 20). These fruits are the fruits of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23; the first fruit mentioned is love. Therefore we can place each fruit, love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, faithfulness, meekness and self-control, in the place of the word 'fruit' in the above scripture. For example: love – "You shall know them by their **love**." These "**one another**" verses speak of our using the fruit of the Spirit in other's lives.

We are commanded "to love one another as He loved us." This is the new command, the Royal command as spoken of in the Book of James. This is the high call of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This command brings us up out of the low life (our natural selfish way of thinking) into living in the high life (the Servant Spirited Brotherly Love way of thinking).

Mathew 16:24-25 AMP says:

Then Jesus said to His disciples, If anyone desires to be My disciple, let him deny himself [disregard, lose sight of, and forget himself and his own interests] and take up his cross and follow Me [cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying, also]. For whoever is bent on saving his [temporal] life [his comfort and security here]

shall lose it [eternal life]; and whoever loses his life [his comfort and security here] for My sake shall find it [life everlasting].

A DIFFERENT MINDSET

God's Love is servant-spirited; Brotherly Love. The world mind-set will never understand or accept this call. A servant is one who accepts and acknowledges a place beneath those whom he serves. One must be willing to forgo and forsake the systems of social status on the human scale of values. Servants are viewed as performing the unworthy tasks considered beneath those whom they serve. But Jesus says that those who function as His servants – serving people in His name – will be honored by the Heavenly Father. Every true servant will ultimately be honored by the One whom they serve and who has promised them honor for their service. When we follow and serve our King Jesus Christ, in that act of service we are elevated to a place of honor into the high life.

John 12:25-26 AMP tells us, "Anyone who loves his life loses it, but anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it to life eternal. [Whoever has no love for, no concern for, no regard for his life here on earth, but despises it, preserves his life forever and ever.] If anyone serves Me, he must continue to follow Me [to cleave steadfastly to Me, conform wholly to My example in living and, if need be, in dying] and wherever I am, there will My servant be also. If anyone serves Me, the Father will honor him.

Jesus came to serve us with Redemption and all the benefits that were purchased by that act of service of giving His life. We must realize that as we serve "one another", we are serving Jesus. He is in each of His Believers and as we look to serve Him in "one another", it will be an honor and a

privilege to do what He says. "For I was hungry and you gave Me food, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you brought Me together with yourselves *and* welcomed *and* entertained *and* lodged Me, I was naked and you clothed Me, I was sick and you visited Me with help *and* ministering care, I was in prison and you came to see Me. Then the just *and* upright will answer Him, Lord, when did we see You hungry and gave You food, or thirsty and gave You something to drink? And when did we see You a stranger and welcomed *and* entertained You, or naked and clothed You? And when did we see You sick or in prison and came to visit You? And the King will reply to them, Truly I tell you, in so far as you did it for one of the least [in the estimation of men] of these My brethren, you did it for Me" (Mathew 25:35-40 AMP).

As you read, study and meditate these "One Another" Scriptures listed below, may you become a greater doer of His Word; thereby pleasing Him. It is a call to be a living sacrifice for "one another." As you lay your lives down, your own plans and desires, to minister to Him in "one another" may your lives become richer and richer as you learn the true value of a servant's heart. "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends" John 15:13 NKJ.

- 1] "Love one another" (John 13: 34-35)
- 2] "Depend on one another" (Romans 12:5 AMP)
- 3] "Be devoted to one another" (Romans 12:10)
- 4] "Outdo one another in showing honor" (Romans 12:10)
- 5] "Rejoice with one another" (Romans 12:5; I Corinthians 12:26)
- 6] "Weep with one another" (Romans 12:15)

- 7] "Be of the same mind towards one another" (Romans 12:16)
- 8] "Don't judge one another" (Romans 14:13)
- 9] "Receive (accept) ye one another" (Romans 15:7)
- 10] "Admonish (counsel) one another" (Romans 15:14)
- 11] "Salute (greet) one another" (Romans 16:16)
- 12] "Wait for one another" (1 Corinthians 11:33)
- 13] "Have the same care for one another" (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- 14] "Serve (to be a slave for) one another" (Galatians 5:13)
- 15] "Be kind one to another" (Ephesians 4:32)
- 16] "Forgive one another" (Ephesians 4:32; Colossians 3:13)
- 17] "Be tenderhearted toward one another" (Ephesians 4:32)
- 18] "Encourage (edify) one another" (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- 19] "Submit to one another" (Ephesians 5:21)
- 20] "Forbear (patience) with one another" (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
- 21] "Provoke (stir up, stimulate love in) one another" (Hebrews 10:24)
- 22] "Use hospitality one to another" (1 Peter 4:9)
- 23] "Minister gifts one to another" (1 Peter 4:10)
- 24] "Be clothed in humility one toward another" (1 Peter 5:5)
- 25] "Don't speak evil against one another" (James 4:11)
- 26] "Don't grumble against one another" (James 5:9)
- 27] "Confess your faults one to another" (James 5:16)
- 28] "Pray one for another" (James 5:16)

29] "Fellowship with one another" (I John 1:7)

30] "Bear you one another's burdens" (Galatians 6:2)

As we can see from these Scriptures, we are given specific instructions how to treat our Brothers and sisters in Christ Jesus and which attitudes we are to have toward our fellow Believers. Also, how we are to serve or minister and specifically encourage other members in His Body, our Body. Even with our words, we are given instruction what to do and what not to do to "one another."

These "One Another" instructions are very clear and concise.

They all stem from the love chapter, I Corinthians 13.

I Corinthians 13:4-8 AMP

Love endures long *and* is patient and kind; love never is envious *nor* boils over with jealousy, is not boastful *or* vain glorious [proud], does not display itself haughtily. It is not conceited (arrogant and inflated with pride); it is not rude (unmannerly) *and* does not act unbecomingly. Love (God's love in us) does not insist on its own rights *or* its own way, *for* it is not self-seeking; it is not touchy *or* fretful *or* resentful; it takes no account of the evil done to it [it pays no attention to a suffered wrong]. It does not rejoice at injustice *and* unrighteousness, but rejoices when right *and* truth prevail. Love bears up under anything *and* everything that comes, and is ever ready to believe the best of every person, its hopes are fadeless under all circumstances, and it endures everything [without weakening]. Love never fails [never fades out or becomes obsolete or comes to an end].

JESUS CHRIST SHOWED US HOW TO LOVE "ONE ANOTHER"