

ONE ANOTHER

A Guide for Strengthening
God-Given Relationships

LESSON 1: MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER

“For I say, through the grace given unto me, to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. 4 For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: 5 So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another.” (Romans 12:3–5)

INTRODUCTION _____

1. The _____ to Believers

“If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.” (1 Corinthians 14:37)

A. _____ Thinking

“For if a man think himself to be something, when he is nothing, he deceiveth himself.” (Galatians 6:3)

Quote: “Extreme forms of mental illness are often extreme cases of self-absorption.... The distinctive quality, the thing that literally sets paranoid people apart is hyper-self-consciousness. And the thing they prize most about themselves is autonomy. Their constant fear is that someone else is interfering with their will or trying to direct their lives.”

Quote: “Do not desire to be the principal man in the church. Be lowly. Be humble. The best man in the church is the man who is willing to be a doormat for all to wipe their boots on, the brother who does not mind what happens to him at all, so long as God is glorified.”—

C.H. Spurgeon

B. _____ Thinking

Definition: *dealt*—to distribute, bestow, impart

“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning.” (James 1:17)

“But unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ.” (Ephesians 4:7)

2. The _____ of Believers

A. The _____ of Each Member

“For the body is not one member, but many. 15 If the foot shall say, Because I am not the hand, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 16 And if the ear shall say, Because I am not the eye, I am not of the body; is it therefore not of the body? 17 If the whole body were an eye, where were the hearing? If the whole were hearing, where were the smelling? 18 But now hath God set the members every one of them in the body, as it hath pleased him. 19 And if they were all one member, where were the body? 20 But now are they many members, yet but one body.” (1 Corinthians 12:14–20)

B. The _____ of the Whole Body

OUR RELATIONSHIP IN THE BODY

“By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another.” (John 13:35)

OUR RESPONSIBILITY IN THE BODY

“Endeavouring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.” (Ephesians 4:3)

3. The _____ of the Believers

“Having then gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us, whether prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of faith; 7 Or ministry, let us wait on our ministering: or he that teacheth, on teaching; 8 Or he that exhorteth, on exhortation: he that giveth, let him do it with simplicity; he that ruleth, with diligence; he that sheweth mercy, with cheerfulness.” (Romans 12:6–8)

TEMPORARY SIGN GIFTS

“Truly the signs of an apostle were wrought among you in all patience, in signs, and wonders, and mighty deeds.” (2 Corinthians 12:12)

“Wherefore tongues are for a sign, not to them that believe, but to them that believe not: but prophesying serveth not for them that believe not, but for them which believe.” (1 Corinthians 14:22)

“How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him; 4 God also bearing them witness, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, and gifts of the Holy Ghost, according to his own will?” (Hebrews 2:3–4)

“For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom.” (1 Corinthians 1:22)

PERMANENT EDIFYING GIFTS

“For who maketh thee to differ from another? and what hast thou that thou didst not receive? now if thou didst receive it, why dost thou glory, as if thou hadst not received it?” (1 Corinthians 4:7)

A. Work of Gracious _____

GIFTS FOR EDUCATING

- Prophecy
- Teaching
- Exhorting

GIFTS FOR EDIFYING

- Ministering
- Giving

“Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come.” (1 Corinthians 16:2)

- Ruling
- Mercy

B. Work with a Gracious _____

Definition: *dissimulation*—hypocrisy, two-facedness

“Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal.” (1 Corinthians 13:1)

“My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.” (1 John 3:18)

“Let love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good. 10 Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;” (Romans 12:9–10)

“Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.” (Philippians 2:3–4)

CONCLUSION _____

