

# The 59 “One Another’s” of the NT

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Jesus is not building an audience of spectators for a Sunday Morning service. He is building a family of disciples, His church, to engage in His mission to the earth. He did not create us to be watching stones but living stones contributing to the process of being built up as His house/family (1 Pet 2:1-5).

- *Ephesians 2:19, 4:16 MKJV in Whom you are being built together for a dwelling place of God through the Spirit... from whom the whole body, fitted together and compacted by that which every joint supplies, according to the effectual working in the measure of each part produces the growth of the body...*

## All of God’s people are created for “One Another” Life.

The calling on God’s people is to live interdependent, not independent, lives. The New Testament’s imageries that describe the corporate nature of God’s people are His family, the body of Christ, the temple of God, and flocks of sheep (sheepfolds). This interdependent life God has called us to live together is seen in the use of the word “One Another” (Gk Allelon). It is a plural pronoun that means “one another, reciprocally, together, and mutual, mutually.” The word for “one another” occurs 100 times in 94 verses in the New Testament. Of those verses, 59 contain direct commands that we are to practice. Gordon Fee expressed it well, “Our interdependence is particularly seen in Paul’s relentless use of the Greek word allelon--"one other." Everything is done "allelon.”

**"Practicing the 'One Another' commands liberates us from one of sin's most corruptive forces: self-addiction." – Doug Kreighbaum**

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- “...Be at peace with each other.” (Mark 9:50)
- “...Wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14),
- “...Love one another...” (John 13:34, John 13:35, John 15:12, John 15:17)
- “Be devoted to one another in brotherly love...” (Romans 12:10)
- “...Honor one another above yourselves. (Romans 12:10)
- “Live in harmony with one another...” (Romans 12:16)
- “...Love one another...” (Romans 13:8)
- “...Stop passing judgment on one another.” (Romans 14:13)
- “Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you...” (Romans 15:7)
- “...Instruct one another.” (Romans 15:14)
- “Greet one another with a holy kiss...” (Romans 16:16)
- “...When you come together to eat, wait for each other.” (I Cor. 11:33)
- “...Have equal concern for each other.” (I Corinthians 12:25)
- “...Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (I Corinthians 16:20)
- “Greet one another with a holy kiss.” (II Corinthians 13:12)
- “...Serve one another in love.” (Galatians 5:13)

- “If you keep on biting and devouring each other...you will be destroyed by each other.” (Galatians 5:15)
- “Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other.” (Galatians 5:26)
- “Carry each other’s burdens...” (Galatians 6:2)
- “...Be patient, bearing with one another in love.” (Ephesians 4:2)
- “Be kind and compassionate to one another...” (Ephesians 4:32)
- “...Forgiving each other...” (Ephesians 4:32)
- “Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs.” (Ephesians 5:19)
- “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” (Ephesians 5:21)
- “...In humility consider others better than yourselves.” (Philippians 2:3)
- “Do not lie to each other...” (Colossians 3:9)
- “Bear with each other...” (Colossians 3:13)
- “...Forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another.” (Colossians 3:13)
- “Teach...[one another]” (Colossians 3:16)
- “...Admonish one another (Colossians 3:16)
- “...Make your love increase and overflow for each other.” (I Thessalonians 3:12)
- “...Love each other.” (I Thessalonians 4:9)
- “...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 4:18)
- “...Encourage each other...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- “...Build each other up...” (I Thessalonians 5:11)
- “Encourage one another daily...” (Hebrews 3:13)
- “...Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.” (Hebrews 10:24)
- “...Encourage one another.” (Hebrews 10:25)
- “...Do not slander one another.” (James 4:11)
- “Don’t grumble against each other...” (James 5:9)
- “Confess your sins to each other...” (James 5:16)
- “...Pray for each other.” (James 5:16)
- “...Love one another deeply, from the heart.” (I Peter 3:8)
- “...Live in harmony with one another...” (I Peter 3:8)
- “Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling.” (I Peter 4:9)
- “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others...” (I Peter 4:10)
- “...Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another...” (I Peter 5:5)
- “Greet one another with a kiss of love.” (I Peter 5:14)
- “Love one another.” (I John 3:11, John 3:23, I John 4:7, I John 4:11, I John 4:12, II John 5)

## Modern Day One Another’s

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- Put a spiritually encouraging post, text, or message to someone to stimulate their faith.
- Pray, hear from God, and encourage one another with what God is saying.
- Bless someone by telling them the encouraging perspective of how God has made them.
- Tell someone you love them, write an encouraging card or message.
- Facebook, text, email one another something encouraging (a God blessing).
- Look for ways to praise/compliment someone in front of others.
- Do something special for one person regularly
- Ask how they are doing and provide a listening ear. (This is a great way to bear burdens)
- Pray with them on the spot.
- Open up about a struggle you have that you sense or know they are having.
- Do not hold a grudge
- Invite people over or out for a meal, coffee etc.
- Be flexible and put other’s needs above your own (Phil 2:3-4)

- Go to a Nursing Home and visit those who have no family
- Offer to return someone else's shopping cart to the store from the parking lot
- Let someone go before you in the grocery checkout line
- Give an anonymous love offering to someone Offer to babysit for a night out, help finance it.
- Drop in unannounced to encourage someone, bring something with you to bless them, gift, snack etc.
- Cook a special meal for one another.
- Slip envelopes full of money under one another's doors.
- Leave bags of food for one another.
- Do some aspect of one another's housework.
- Insist on washing up for one another.
- Offer rides to one another even if it means going out of your way.
- Share possessions with one another.
- Lend your cars to one another.
- House sit for one another.
- Clean one another's cars.
- Try a new activity with one another simply because the other one likes it.
- Make friends with one another's friends.
- Go out for dinner with one another.
- Go shopping with one another.
- Take the kids to the park with one another.
- Throw surprise parties for one another.