

Christian Behavior

What responsibilities do Christians have towards one another? We're not talking about leaders or today's Professional Christians – we're talking about you and me. Jesus said:

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:34-35)

The love that will demonstrate to the world that WE are His disciples (not just the guy in the church office), is the driving force of our mutual responsibilities. Being a Christian requires us to be more than just good greeters and gabbers around the rolls and coffee in the foyer. We are to:

Love One Another

John 13:34-35

"A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also **love one another**. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

Rom 13:8

Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled {the} law.

Refrain From Harsh Judgment of One Another

Rom 14:13

Therefore let us **not judge one another** anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.

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Build-Up One Another **Encourage One Another**

Rom 14:19

So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the **building up of one another**.

1Thes 5:11

Therefore **encourage one another**, and **build up one another**, just as you also are doing.

encourage 3870 parakaleo- (encourage)

- 1) to call to one's side, to call for, to summon
- 2) to address, to speak to, (call to, call upon), which may be done in the way of exhortation, entreaty, comfort, instruction, etc.
 - a) to admonish, to exhort
 - b) to beg, to entreat, to beseech, to strive to appease by entreaty
 - c) to console, to encourage and strengthen by consolation, to comfort, to receive consolation, to be comforted
 - d) to encourage, to strengthen
 - e) exhorting and comforting and encouraging
 - f) to instruct, to teach

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build up 3618 oikodomeo, also oikodomos (Acts 4:11)- (build up)

- 1) to build a house, to erect a building:
 - a) to build (up from the foundation)
 - b) to restore by building, to rebuild, to repair
- 2) metaphorically:
 - a) to found, to establish
 - b) to promote growth in Christian wisdom, affection, grace, virtue, holiness, or blessedness
 - c) to grow in wisdom and piety

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Agree In Sound Doctrine Among One Another

Rom 15:5

Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to **be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus**;

Be Accepting of One Another

Rom 15:7

Wherefore, **accept one another**, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.

accept 4355 proslambano-

to take to, to take in addition, to take to oneself

a) to take as one's companion

b) to take by the hand in order to lead aside

c) to take or receive into one's home, with the collateral idea of kindness

d) to receive, that is, to grant one access to one's heart;

to take into friendship and intercourse

e) to take to oneself, to take, that is, food

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Admonish One Another

Rom 15:14

And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to **admonish one another**.

NT:3560 noutheteo (noo-thet-eh'-o); from the same as NT:3559; to put in mind, i.e. (by implication) to caution or reprove gently:

KJV - admonish, warn.

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Col 3:16

Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and **admonishing one another** with psalms {and} hymns {and} spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.

Be Considerate of One Another

1 Cor 11:33-34

So then, my brethren, when you come together to eat, **wait for one another**.

If anyone is hungry, let him eat at home, so that you may not come together for judgment.

And the remaining matters I shall arrange when I come.

Care for One Another

1 Cor 12:25-26

that there should be no division in the body, but {that} the members should have the same **care for one another**. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if {one} member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.

Serve One Another **Show Hospitality to One Another**

Gal 5:13-15

For you were called to freedom, brethren; only {do} not {turn} your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love **serve one another**. For the whole Law is fulfilled in one word, in the {statement} "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.

serve NT:1398 δουλεύω;

1. properly, to be a slave, serve, do service: absolutely, Eph 6:7; 1 Tim 6:2
2. metaphorically, to obey, submit to
 - a. in a good sense: absolutely, to yield obedience, Rom 7:6
 - b. in a bad sense, of those who become slaves to some base power, to yield to, give oneself up to: Rom 6:6

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1 Pet 4:9-10

Be hospitable to one another without complaint. As each one has received a {special} gift, employ it in **serving one another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

Make NO Place for Boasting, Challenges, or Envy Among One Another

Gal 5:26

Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.

Bear With One Another **Forgive One Another**

Eph 4:1-3

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, entreat you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, **showing forbearance to one another** in love, being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

forbearance NT:430 anechomai (an-ekh'-om-ahee); middle voice from NT:303 and NT:2192; to hold oneself up against, i.e. (figuratively) put up with:
KJV - bear with, endure, forbear, suffer.

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Col 3:12-13

And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;
bearing with one another, and **forgiving each other**, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Be Honest With One Another

Eph 4:25

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, **speak truth, each one** {of you,} with his neighbor, for **we are members of one another**.

members 3196 melos-

a member, limb: a member of the human body;

used of bodies given up to criminal intercourse, because they are as it were

members belonging to the harlot's body

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Col 3:9

Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its {evil} practices,

Be Kind to One Another

Eph 4:32

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

Encourage One Another to Godliness

Be Subject to One Another

Eph 5:18-21

And do not get drunk with wine, for that is dissipation, but be filled with the Spirit, **speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs**, singing and making melody with your heart to the Lord; always giving thanks for all things in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God, even the Father; and **be subject to one another** in the fear of Christ.

subject 5293 hupotasso- (subject to)

- 1) to arrange under, to subordinate
- 2) to subject, to put in subjection
- 3) to subject oneself, to obey
- 4) to submit to one's control
- 5) to yield to one's admonition or advice
- 6) to obey, to be subject;

A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader." In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden".

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Heb 3:13

But **encourage one another** day after day, as long as it is {still} called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Heb 10:23-25

Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; and let us consider how to **stimulate one another to love and good deeds**, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging {one another} and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

Put Each Brother or Sister AHEAD of Self

Phil 2:3-4

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you **regard one another as more important than himself**; do not {merely} look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Comfort One Another

1Thes 4:16-18

For the Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of {the} archangel, and with the trumpet of God; and the dead in Christ shall rise first. Then we who are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air, and thus we shall always be with the Lord. Therefore **comfort one another with these words**.

Be at Peace with One Another

1Thes 5:12-22

But we request of you, brethren, that you appreciate those who diligently labor among you, and have charge over you in the Lord and give you instruction, and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. **Live in peace with one another**. And

we urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with all men. See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men. Rejoice always; pray without ceasing; in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. Do not quench the Spirit; do not despise prophetic utterances. But examine everything {carefully} hold fast to that which is good; abstain from every form of evil.

NEVER Slander One Another

James 4:11

Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge {of it.}

speak against NT:2635 katalaleo (kat-al-al-eh'-o); from NT:2637; to be a traducer, i.e. to slander:

KJV - speak against (evil of).

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NEVER Complain About One Another

James 5:9-10

Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door. As an example, brethren, of suffering and patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Confess Our Sins to One Another

Pray for One Another

James 5:16

Therefore, **confess your sins to one another**, and **pray for one another**, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

Be Humble Towards One Another

1 Pet 5:5

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, **clothe yourselves with humility toward one another**, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble.

Discipline One Another with Righteous Judgment
Remove the Wicked from the Body

1 Cor 5:12-13

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? **Do you not judge those who are within {the church}** But those who are outside, God judges. **Remove the wicked man from among yourselves.**

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These are *every* Christian's responsibility towards ONE ANOTHER. They are not to be delegated to some special class of Christian, someone specially trained or elected for the post, but are to be lived every day by everyone who is part of the ONE ANOTHER: the True Church.