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Shepherd's Community Church  
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Selected Scriptures

“Growing in Your Relationship with Other Believers: *One Anothers*”

## **INTRO:**

### **I. Fellowship Defined**

- A. Fellowship = sharing; partnership; working together
- B. Fellowship: 1) Relationship 2) Partnership 3) Companionship 4) Stewardship

### **II. With whom do we Fellowship?**

- A. God (Father - 1 John 1:3; Son - 1 Cor. 1:9; Holy Spirit - 2 Cor. 13:14)
- B. Believers (Eccles. 4:9-10; Prov. 27:17; 1 Cor. 12:12-18; Eph. 4:11-16; Rom. 1:12; 1 Thess. 5:11-12; 1 John 1:7)

### **III. Why is Fellowship important?**

### **IV. Questions that stimulate Fellowship**

## **V. Application of Fellowship – “The One Anothers”**

### **A. Defined**

- 1. **Webster's**: each to others; each of several members of a group to the others; neighbors helping one another
- 2. **Bible**: reciprocal; each other; one another; reciprocation between two persons or groups

**B. Delineated** (John 13:14, 34–35; 15:12, 17; Acts 7:26; 21:6; Rom. 1:12; 12:5, 10, 16; 13:8; 14:13, 19; 15:5, 7, 14, 27; 16:16; 1 Cor. 7:5; 9:11, 11:33; 12:25; Gal. 5:13, 15, 26; 6:2, 6; Eph. 4:2, 25, 32; 5:21; Phil. 2:3; Col. 3:9, 13; 1 Thess. 3:12; 4:9, 18; 5:11, 15; 2 Thess. 1:3; Tit. 3:3; Heb. 10:24; Jas. 4:11; 5:9, 16; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:9; 5:5; 1 John. 3:11)

### **1. Negative Commands (“Put off”)**

- a. Do not **judge** one another (Rom. 14:13)
- b. Do not have **lawsuits** with one another (1 Cor. 6:7)
- c. Do not **bite** and **devour** one another (Gal. 5:15)

- d. Do not **challenge** and **envy** one another (Gal. 5:26)
  
- e. Do not **speak evil** or **complain against** one another (James 4:11; 5:9)
  
- f. Do not **seek glory** from one another (John 5:44)
  
- g. Stop **depriving** one another (1 Cor. 7:5)

## 2. Positive Commands (“Put on”)

- a. **Focus on attitudes:** Have the **same mind toward (with)** one another (Rom. 12:16; 15:5; 1 Pet. 3:8; Acts 1:14; 2:46; 4:24; 5:12)
  
- b. **Promoting spiritual growth and health in the Body of Christ**
  - 1) **Encourage (exhort)** and **build up** one another (1 Thess. 5:11; Rom. 14:19; 15:2; 1 Cor. 14:12, 26; Eph. 4:29; Col. 2:2; Titus 1:9; 2 Tim. 4:2; 1 Thess. 2:11-13; Rom. 15:4-5; 1 Thess. 4:13-18; 2 Thess. 2:1-17)
  
  - 2) **Admonish** one another (Rom. 15:14; 1 Thess. 5:14; Col. 1:28; 3:16; Gal. 6:1-5)
  
  - 3) **Comfort** and **encourage** one another (1 Thess. 4:18; 5:11; Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25)
  
  - 4) **Assemble together** with one another (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16; Heb. 10:25)
  
  - 5) **Bear** one another’s **burdens** (Gal. 6:2)

**c. Promoting the good of the Body of Christ**

- 1) **Seek after** that which is **good** for one another (1 Thess. 5:15; Eph. 4:29)
  
- 2) Be **honest** with one another (Col. 3:9)
  
- 3) Show **hospitality** to one another (1 Pet. 4:9; Heb. 13:1-3)
  
- 4) **Greet** one another with a holy kiss (Rom. 16:16; 1 Cor. 16:20; 2 Cor. 13:12; 1 Pet. 5:14)

**d. Promoting unity and peace in the Body of Christ**

- 1) Be at **peace** with one another (Mk. 9:50; 1 Thess. 5:13)
  
- 2) Be **devoted** to one another in **brotherly love** (Rom. 12:10)
  
- 3) Give **preference** to one another in **honor** (Rom. 12:10; Phil. 2:3-4)
  
- 4) Clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another (1 Pet. 5:5)
  
- 5) **Be subject** to one another in the fear of Christ (Eph. 5:21)
  
- 6) **Show forbearance** toward one another (Eph. 4:2; Col. 3:13)

7) **Accept** one another (Rom. 15:7 cf. Rom. 14:5-6, 21)

8) **Be kind** to one another, **tenderhearted, forgiving** one another (Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13)

9) **Wait** for one another (1 Cor. 11:33)

**e. Promoting ministry and the function of the Body of Christ**

1) **Serve** one another (Gal. 5:13; 1 Pet. 4:10)

2) Live and work as **members** of one another (Rom. 12:4-8; Eph. 4:25)

**C. Summarized: Love one another** (John 13:34-35; 15:12, 17; Gal. 5:13-14; 1 Thess. 3:12; 1 Pet. 1:22; 4:8)