

*Answering the Call of God*  
**Your Ministry to the Body**

**Eph. 4:11-16**

<sup>11</sup> *And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers,*  
<sup>12</sup> *to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ,*

Ministry = muscles we need to develop to become fully alive  
<sup>13</sup> *till we all come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to a perfect man, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ; <sup>14</sup> that we should no longer be children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the trickery of men, in the cunning craftiness of deceitful plotting, <sup>15</sup> but, speaking the truth in love, may grow up in all things into Him who is the head—Christ— <sup>16</sup> from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.*

Verse 16 – How does this work?

Col. 2:19 - *and not holding fast to the Head, from whom all the body, nourished and knit together by joints and ligaments, grows with the increase that is from God.*

**A family within the family**

Many of us come from dysfunctional families.

Hard to trust

Never learn to share or take responsibility.

Thus... never developed.

**Five functions of a church family.**

- (1) Protect
- (2) Restore
- (3) Develop
- (4) Release (mobilize)
- (5) Save

Verse 15 – real growth comes from being willing to have difficult conversations.

**“One Another” – 49 separate times in the New Testament!**

**Romans 15:14** *Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to **admonish** one another.*

**1 Corinthians 12:25** *that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same **care for one another**.*

**Galatians 6:2** ***Bear one another’s burdens**, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*

**Hebrews 10:25** *not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.*

“exhort” – to urge strongly (*Gr. – to call to one’s side*)

**Hebrews 3:13** *but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.*

**1 Peter 4:10** *As each one has received a gift, **minister it to one another**, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. (some of you stuck in the old mindset here)*

**1 Peter 1:22** *Since you have purified your souls in **obeying the truth** through the Spirit in **sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart***  
*For a complete list of all 49 references, by category, see the web notes.*

The secret to obeying these commandments is to be with one another!

New Testament pattern, and the only practical way to do this is small groups.  
*See Acts 2:46; 5:42; 20:20*

## **“One Another” by Categories**

*(All scriptures New King James Version)*

### (1) Love One Another (16X)

• **John 13:34**

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

• **John 13:35**

35 By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

• **John 15:12**

12 This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.

• **John 15:17**

17 These things I command you, that you love one another.

• **Romans 13:8**

8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

• **1 Thessalonians 3:12**

12 And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you,

• **1 Thessalonians 4:9**

9 But concerning brotherly love you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

• **1 Peter 1:22**

22 Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren, love one another fervently with a pure heart,

• **1 Peter 3:8**

8 Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

• **1 Peter 4:8**

8 And above all things have fervent love for one another, for “love will cover a multitude of sins.”

• **1 John 3:11**

11 For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another,

• **1 John 3:23**

23 And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another, as He gave us commandment.

• **1 John 4:7**

7 Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.

• **1 John 4:11**

11 Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

• **1 John 4:12**

12 No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us.

• **2 John 5**

5 And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another.

### (2) We are joined (members) to one another

• **Romans 12:5**

5 so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

(3) Be Affectionate to one another

✿ **Romans 12:10**

10 Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another;

(4) Be in Unity (of the same mind) with one another

✿ **Romans 12:16**

16 Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.

✿ **Romans 15:5**

5 Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus,

(5) Don't Offend (put a stumbling block in front of) one another

✿ **Romans 14:13**

13 Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way.

(6) Serve one another

✿ **John 13:14**

14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

✿ **1 Corinthians 11:33**

33 Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for one another.

✿ **Galatians 5:13**

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

(7) Edify one another

✿ **Romans 14:19**

19 Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

✿ **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

(8) Accept (receive) One another

✿ **Romans 15:7**

7 Therefore receive one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.

(9) Admonish one another

✿ **Romans 15:14**

14 Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish one another.

(10) Care for one another

✿ **1 Corinthians 12:25**

25 that there should be no schism in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

(11) Bear one another's burdens

◆ **Galatians 6:2**

2 Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.

◆ **Ephesians 4:2**

2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,

◆ **Colossians 3:13**

13 bearing with one another, and forgiving one another, if anyone has a complaint against another; even as Christ forgave you, so you also must do.

(12) Speak truth to and teach one another

◆ **Ephesians 4:25**

25 Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.

◆ **Ephesians 5:19**

19 speaking to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord,

◆ **Colossians 3:16**

16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

(13) Be kind to one another

◆ **Ephesians 4:32**

32 And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

(14) Submit to one another

◆ **Ephesians 5:21**

21 submitting to one another in the fear of God.

◆ **1 Peter 5:5**

5 Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."

(15) Comfort one another

◆ **1 Thessalonians 4:18**

18 Therefore comfort one another with these words.

◆ **1 Thessalonians 5:11**

11 Therefore comfort each other and edify one another, just as you also are doing.

(16) Exhort one another

◆ **Hebrews 3:13**

13 but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.

◆ **Hebrews 10:25**

25 not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

(17) Stir up love and good works

◆ **Hebrews 10:24**

24 And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

(18) Confess faults to one another

✦ **James 5:16**

16 Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.

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(20) Be Hospitable to one another

✦ **1 Peter 4:9**

9 Be hospitable to one another without grumbling.

(21) Minister your gift to one another

✦ **1 Peter 4:10**

10 As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

(22) Fellowship with one another

✦ **1 John 1:7**

7 But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.