

BETTER TOGETHER

"Helping Each Other to Grow" Romans 8:29 February 3, 2019

For those whom He foreknew, He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son... Romans 8:29 (NASU)

"Encourage each other and build each other up." 1 Th. 5:11 NIV

1. BY <u>AFFIRMING</u> EACH OTHER'S <u>WORTH</u>.

• WITH ACCEPTANCE

"Accept one another, just as Christ accepted you..." Romans. 15:7 (NIV)

WITH ATTENTION

"Give special attention to those who are in the family of believers." Galatians 6:10 (NCV)

WITH AFFECTION

"Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves." Rom. 12:10 (NIV)

• WITH <u>APPRECIATION</u>

"Brothers and sisters... appreciate those who work hard among you, who lead you in the Lord and teach you." 5:12 (NCV)

1 Thessalonians

2. BY PRAYING FOR EACH OTHER'S GROWTH.

"Epaphras...always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature." Colossians 4:12 (NCV)

"I pray...you'll be able to feel and understand, how long, wide, deep, and high Christ's love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves..." Eph. 3:18-19 (LB)

"I pray... you will always be eager to do right." Hebrews 13:21 (CEV)

"I pray God who gives hope will fill you with much joy and peace while you trust in him." Romans 15:13

"I pray God would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation." Ephesians. 1:17

"I pray that God may strengthen you with power through his spirit." Ephesians 3:16 & 2 Thessalonians 3:5; Romans 15:5

3. BY <u>ADMITTING</u> OUR OWN <u>MISTAKES</u>.

"Tell each other the truth, because we all belong to each other." Ephesians 4:25 (NCV)

BENEFITS OF HONESTY

• **EMOTIONAL HEALING**

"...confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another so that you may be healed..." James 5:16 NAS

A FRESH START

"Anyone who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance." Proverbs 28:13 (LB)

GOD'S POWER TO CHANGE

"When you bow down before the Lord and admit your dependence on him, God will lift you up and give you honor." James 4:10 (NLT)

• DEEPER FELLOWSHIP

"If we live in the light...then we have fellowship with one another..." 1 John 1:7 (TEV)

4. BY ENCOUARGING EACH OTHER'S COMMITMENT.

"Keep yourself in training for a godly life." 1 Tim. 4:7 (TEV)

"I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you." Rom. 1:12

"Instead, we will speak the truth in love, growing in every way more and more like Christ..." Ephesians 4:15 (NLT)

5. BY <u>DISCIPLING</u> EACH OTHER & BEING <u>DISCIPLED</u>.

"You have heard me teach these things that have been confirmed.... Now teach these truths to other trustworthy people who will be able to pass them on to others." 2 Tim. 2:2