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Acts 2:42 (AMP)

⁴² And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread [including the Lord's Supper] and prayers.

Romans 12:5 (NKJV)

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

1 Corinthians 12:12, 20 (NKJV)

¹² For as the body is one and has many members, but all the members of that one body, being many, are one body, so also *is* Christ.

²⁰ But now indeed *there are* many members, yet one body.

2 Corinthians 6:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ And what agreement has the temple of God with idols? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: "*I will dwell in them And walk among them. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.*"

Ephesians 2:21-22 (NKJV)

²¹ in whom the whole building, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord,

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

Colossians 2:10 (NKJV)

¹⁰ and you are complete in Him, who is the head of all principality and power.

1 John 1:7 (NKJV)

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.

Building One Another

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NKJV)

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

Each of us has a choice to make as part of the Body of Christ: to tear down or to build up. Building up is a five-step process:

- Accept one another

Romans 15:5-7 (NKJV)

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

⁶ that you may with one mind *and* one mouth glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

- Be devoted to one another

Romans 12:9-10 (NKJV)

⁹ *Let love be* without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good.

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

- Encourage one another

Hebrews 10:24-25 (NKJV)

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

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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.

- Pray for one another

James 5:16 (NKJV)

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.

- Serve one another

Galatians 5:13-15 (NKJV)

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.

¹⁴ For all the law is fulfilled in one word, *even* in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*"

¹⁵ But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!

Ephesians 2:22 (NKJV)

²² in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

John 16:14 (AMP)

¹⁴ He will honor *and* glorify Me, because He will take of (receive, draw upon) what is Mine and will reveal (declare, disclose, transmit) it to you.

Receiving and Giving

Matthew 10:8 (AMP)

⁸ Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, drive out demons. Freely (without pay) you have received, freely (without charge) give.

1 Corinthians 11:23 (NKJV)

²³ For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you: that the Lord Jesus on the *same* night in which He was betrayed took bread;

There are two things that we receive which we can pass on to others:

- Revelation - what we hear *from* God
(1 Corinthians 11:23 above)
- Experience - what we go through *with* God

2 Corinthians 1:3-4 (NKJV)

³ Blessed *be* the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort,

⁴ who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.

This kind of mutual sharing is called "Body ministry".

Body Ministry

1 Corinthians 14:26 (NKJV)

²⁶ How is it then, brethren? Whenever you come together, each of you has a psalm, has a teaching, has a tongue, has a revelation, has an interpretation. Let all things be done for edification.

Ephesians 4:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift.

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1 Corinthians 12:7-11 (NKJV)

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

⁸ for to one is given the word of wisdom through the Spirit, to another the word of knowledge through the same Spirit,

⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healings by the same Spirit,

¹⁰ to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another discerning of spirits, to another *different* kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues.

¹¹ But one and the same Spirit works all these things, distributing to each one individually as He wills.

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

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.

Ephesians 5:19 (NKJV)

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

1 Corinthians 14:3 (NKJV)

³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

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Ephesians 4:2-3 (NKJV)

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

³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Colossians 3:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ And let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.

Mutual Identification

1 Corinthians 12:24-26 (NKJV)

²⁴ but our presentable *parts* have no need. But God composed the body, having given greater honor to that *part* which lacks it,

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

²⁶ And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with *it*; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with *it*.

Romans 12:15 (NKJV)

¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.

Galatians 6:2 (NKJV)

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

Romans 13:8-10 (NKJV)

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

⁹ For the commandments, "*You shall not commit adultery,*" "*You shall not murder,*" "*You shall not*

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steal," "You shall not bear false witness," "You shall not covet," and if there is any other commandment, are all summed up in this saying, namely, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁰ Love does no harm to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

2 Corinthians 1:3 (NKJV)

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Anointing of the Spirit

1 Corinthians 12:7 (NKJV)

⁷ But the manifestation of the Spirit is given to each one for the profit *of all*:

1 John 2:27 (AMP)

²⁷ But as for you, the anointing (the sacred appointment, the unction) which you received from Him abides [permanently] in you; [so] then you have no need that anyone should instruct you. But just as His anointing teaches you concerning everything and is true and is no falsehood, so you must abide in (live in, never depart from) Him [being rooted in Him, knit to Him], just as [His anointing] has taught you [to do].

1 Corinthians 14:32-33 (NKJV)

³² And the spirits of the prophets are subject to the prophets.

³³ For God is not *the author* of confusion but of peace, as in all the churches of the saints.

1 Corinthians 14:3-4 (NKJV)

³ But he who prophesies speaks edification and exhortation and comfort to men.

⁴ He who speaks in a tongue edifies himself, but he who prophesies edifies the church.

1 Corinthians 14:31 (NKJV)

³¹ For you can all prophesy one by one, that all may learn and all may be encouraged.

1 Corinthians 14:1 (NKJV)

¹ Pursue love, and desire spiritual *gifts*, but especially that you may prophesy.

Ephesians 5:18-20 (AMP)

¹⁸ And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but ever be filled *and* stimulated with the [Holy] Spirit.

¹⁹ Speak out to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, offering praise with voices [and instruments] and making melody with all your heart to the Lord,

²⁰ At all times and for everything giving thanks in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to God the Father.