

Healthy Relationships
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Verse: John 13:34-35

Homework: Rom 12:10; Matt 5:43-48; Philippians 2:1-11

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- Command: Love! John 13:34-35
 - A New Command: New in kind, not new in time! (See Lev. 19:18)
 - A New Standard: As I have loved you...
 - A New Outcome: By this will all men know... (See John 15:12-13)
- Unity in the Church Acts 4:32-35
 - Unity of the body
 - Key: All the believers were one in heart and mind.
 - Outcome: Open-handed/ Meeting needs
 - No one claimed that any of his possessions were his own, but they shared everything they had.

Life Together

Ephesians 4:1-16

- Call to unity in the Body 1-6
 - Walk in a manner worthy of your calling 1
 - Requirements: 2-3
 - Humility & gentleness (completely)...
 - Patience & bearing with one another...
 - Make every effort...
 - Reason: Unity in Christ! 4-6
- Meaningful Gifts 11-13
 - Christ's gift to the church:
 - Apostles/ Prophets/ Evangelists/ Pastor-Teachers
 - The purpose of the gifts: To prepare God's people for works of service!
 - The final goal: So that the body of Christ may be built up and we attain unity and maturity in the body!
- Grow Up! 15-16
 - Speaking the truth in love!
 - Outcome: That the whole body would grow & be built up in love – as each part does its work.
- Personal Responsibility of Every Believer Romans 12:18
 - Compare Matthew 5:9

Key: As followers of Jesus Christ, we are committed to establishing and maintaining healthy relationships with God, the family of believers, and our neighbors.

Application:

- How are your relationships? (See Matthew 5:23-24)