BUILDING UP ONE ANOTHER

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INTRODUCTION

1. In this lesson, we want to study the behavior we are to have toward each other because God is our Father and we are brethren in Christ -- I Pet. 2:17; 3:8
2. We need to know how to treat one another -- Matt. 7:12
3. The Lord, over and over, has told us HOW to treat one another.

I. WE ARE MEMBERS ONE OF ANOTHER -- Eph. 4:25; Rom. 12:5
   1. No member should think himself to be above another member -- I Cor. 12:21 - 22
   2. "... the members should have the same care on for another" -- I Cor. 12:25
   3. We are to feel for one another -- I Cor. 12:26; Rom. 12:15

II. WE ARE TO LOVE ONE ANOTHER
   1. To love one another is to fulfill the Law -- Rom. 13:8 - 10
   2. The obligation to love one another is always DUE, it is a perpetual debt -- Rom. 13:7 - 8
   3. "See that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently" -- I Pet. 1:22
   5. John 15:12 -- "This is my commandment, that ye love one another, as I have loved you"
   7. I John 4:11, 20
   8. I Cor. 13:1 - 8

III. WE ARE TO BE LIKEMINDED ONE TOWARD ANOTHER
   1. Rom. 15:5 - 6
   2. "Be of the same mind one toward another"--Rom. 12:16

IV. WE ARE TO ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER -- (to warn; to exhort)
   1. "Able also to admonish one another" --Rom. 15:14
   2. Col. 3:16 -- Admonish one another in song.
   3. Elders are to admonish us -- I Thess. 5:12
   4. One who has fallen away is to be admonished -- II Thess. 3:15

V. "BE KINDLY AFFECTIONED ONE TO ANOTHER WITH BROTHERLY LOVE" --Rom. 12:10
   1. Tenderly loving one another -- II Pet. 1:7 -- "Brotherly kindness"
2. Paul an example of this -- I Thess. 2:8 - "ye were dear unto us"; Phil. 2:20
3. Paul said, "And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you" -- Eph. 4:32
4. Col. 3:12 - 13

VI. BY LOVE WE ARE TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER
1. "But by love serve one another" -- Gal. 5:13
2. Paul is an example of serving others by love -- II Cor. 12:15; II Cor. 4:5

VII. WE ARE TO PROVOKE ONE ANOTHER AND EXHORT ONE ANOTHER -- Heb. 10:24 - 25
1. Provoke one another unto love and good works -- Heb. 10:24
   (1) Provoke -- to stimulate; to stir up -- II Cor. 9:2
   (2) We need to stir up one another to work more -- I Cor. 15:58; Phil. 2:12
   (3) We need to stir up one another to greater love for:
      2. The church
      3. The lost
      4. For our family
      5. For one another
2. We are to exhort one another to be faithful -- Heb. 10:25
   (1) To hold fast the profession of our faith -- Heb. 10:23
3. We are to exhort one another daily -- Heb. 3:13
4. We are to exhort one another to continue in the faith -- Acts 14:22
   (1) Not to draw back -- Heb. 10:38 - 39

VIII. WE ARE TO FORBEAR ONE ANOTHER IN LOVE -- Eph. 4:2
1. Forbear -- to bear with; endure; longsuffering
2. Col. 3:13 -- "Forbearing one another and forgiving one another"
3. A spirit of patience with the false ways of others.
4. This is manifest by a willingness to forgive one another -- Luke 17:3 - 4; Gal. 6:1

IX. WE ARE TO BE KIND ONE TO ANOTHER -- Eph. 4:32
1. Kind -- having tenderness or goodness of nature -- Webster
2. "Good; pleasant; gracious" -- Vine
3. Kindness is as concerned with the feelings of other people as it is with its own feelings.
4. It is as concerned with the sorrows, the struggles, and the problems of others as it is with its own.
5. Kindness has learned the secret of looking outwards all the time, and not inward.

X. WE ARE NOT TO SPEAK EVIL ONE OF ANOTHER

1. James 4:11
2. We are not to defame the character or slander a brother -- I Pet. 2:1; II Cor. 12:20
4. Psa. 101: 5
5. Rom. 1:30
6. Rom. 14: 4, 10, 13 -- matters of indifference

CONCLUSION

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