**Coming Home: One Another Passages #3**

How will we create home? By implementing the One Another Scriptures in our lives and in our church.

So Far:

I. Love one another

John 13:34-35 A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.

1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth, so that you have sincere love (phileo) for one another, love (agape) one another deeply from the heart.

II. Submit to one another

Ephesians 5:21 Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.

III. Serve one another in love Gal 5:13

IV. Carry each other’s burdens Gal 6:2

V. Bear with one another Eph 4:2 Col 3:13

Eph 4:2 Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Loving the differences. Bearing with those who are still struggling with a sin that we ourselves do not particularly struggle with.

VI. Accept one another Romans 15:7

Accepting one another on debatable matters in the church. Role of women, who can perform what role in worship, movies we can watch, Halloween, etc.

This does not mean everything goes.

VII. Forgive one another Col 3:13, Eph 4:32

Colossians 3:13 In matters that are not clear cut right/wrong, we accept, but in matters of right/wrong, we still forgive one another. We accept the sinner.

How? As the Lord forgave you!

VIII. Be devoted to one another in love and honor one another above yourselves. Romans 12:10

In a home/family people are devoted to one another.

Devoted:

Alan Lakin decides to call me every Monday.

We go to Duane’s football games.

We go to the birthday parties for fellow members’ kids.

We show up at a hearing to possibly release Louie Santiago.

We know that Joyce recently retired and is going through a tough transition.

And by the way, we need to have a retirement party for Joyce!

We notice when others are not doing well.

We make it a big deal when Bella graduates.

Andrew is into paleontology, so we learn about paleontology.

Honor:

We acknowledge those in the church who do special things to serve the community. We have annual church awards.

We celebrate when members start dating or get engaged.

We cheer when one of us gets a job or a promotion.

We celebrate birthdays.

1 Thess 5:12 acknowledge those who work hard among you…

IX Encourage each other/Build each other up 1 Thess 5:11 (also 4:18).

Home is where you get encouraged.

With this passage we are passing into one another passages that are part of what we normally call “discipling.”

1 Thess 5:11 Therefore, encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Encourage: *parakaleo* Call alongside. Also translated comfort one another.

Build up: *oikodomeite* literally to house-build To give strength.

Encouraging is a lot more than saying Good job! You are awesome! (although those are encouraging)

Remind each other of the good news we have in Christ.

Hey, it is tough, but you are going to heaven.

I get it. That situation is TOUGH, but God is in control.

You quote scriptures. If God is for us, who can be against us! (Romans 8:31)

Heb 13:6 The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?

Encourage one another and spur one another on. Heb 10:24-25

And let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hey, let’s get going here.

To encourage here means to put encouragement in to.

To spur on is to provoke into action. A rider spurs his/her horse.

Come on. Let’s keep in the fight.

To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.

In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for noble purposes and some for ignoble purposes. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.

Form a purity group.

Go out sharing your faith together.

Go on a diet or an exercise program together.

Sister, you are gaining weight. Any way I can help you?

X. Teach and admonish one another Col 3:16 (also Romans 15:14 competent to instruct one another noutheteo admonish, exhort lit: put to mind)

Col 1:20 Admonish and teach with all wisdom… Goal: all mature in Christ.

Teaching and admonishing should happen in the home first, not in the school.

Encourage one another and build one another up is more between equals in the Lord. Teach and admonish is more between a more mature Christian and a less mature Christian. (not exclusively, but generally)

Teach first. Then admonish. It is not fair to admonish about something you had not taught first.

Example dating issues. Teach first. Make sure that they understand.

Teach didasko lit: to teach. To impart correct information. To explain.

Four activities:

teach

encourage

admonish

rebuke (there is no passage that says “rebuke one another.”) 2 Tim 3:16 the Word suitable for teaching, rebuking and correcting, 2 Tim 4:2 Titus 2:15 rebuke with all authority.

Teaching one another involves explaining what the Bible says and how we, as a fellowship, put it into practice. It is explaining why we do things the way we do it.

Admonishing is stronger. Exhort, put to mind.

Advice: do this more by asking questions than by telling.

That is a bad idea. Do you think that is a good idea?

You should not take that job. Do you think that that will help you grow spiritually?

You need to change the way you treat your wife.

You should not be watching that kind of movie. Do you feel good about watching that kind of movie?

You need to spend less time with that person. Does spending a lot of time with that person help you spiritually?

You would be wise to not go to that place. Do you see any danger for your spiritually by going there?

When was the last time you had a really good quiet time? Tell me about it.

How is sharing your faith going lately?

What have you done to help the poor recently?

Do you give admonishment?

How well do you take such admonishments?

Discussion questions:

1. Is there anyone you would like to honor right now? Who and why?

2. How important is the giving and receiving of encouragement to you as a Christian? How do you encourage?

3. Do you struggle to give admonishment to your Christian family members? What about receiving admonishment from your fellow family members?

XI. Confess your sins to one another and pray for each other James 5:16

Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed.

We confess to God for forgiveness.

We confess to God so that we can be healed.

Home is a place where we confess our sins to one another.

XII. Pray for one another.