



❖ MESSAGE NOTES

MARCH MADNESS: Slam Dunking Life With Christ **Week 3 - The Elite Eight**

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. ~ 1 Corinthians 1:18

There are actually 36 times the phrase “One Another” occurs in the New Testament. They occur in 14 categories. The “One Anothers” are the “how-to’s of church life.”

There are the eight that appear in Paul’s letter to the church in Rome, what I am calling the Elite Eight today.

Be devoted to one another with mutual love ... ~ Romans 12:10a

1) Paul says be DEVOTED to one another.

Philostorgos (GREEK)

It refers to family love – primarily the reciprocal tenderness between parents and children.

Philadelphia (GREEK)

Brotherly love.

... showing eagerness in honoring one another. - Romans 12:10b

2) Honor One Another.

All who believed were together and held everything in common, and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. ~ Acts 2:44-45

That is a prime example of honoring one another.

Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty but associate with the lowly. Do not be conceited. ~ Romans 12:16

3) Live In Harmony With One Another.

Owe no one anything, except to love one another, for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. ~ Romans 13:8

4) Love One Another.

“I give you a new commandment—to love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. Everyone will know by this that you are

my disciples—if you have love for one another.” ~ John 13:34-35

For this is the gospel message that you have heard from the beginning: that we should love one another, ~ 1 John 3:11

Now this is His commandment: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he gave us the commandment. ~ 1 John 3:23

Dear friends, if God so loved us, then we also ought to love one another. No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God resides in us, and his love is perfected in us. ~ 1 John 4:11-12

Love is patient, love is kind, it is not envious. Love does not brag, it is not puffed up. It is not rude, it is not self-serving, it is not easily angered or resentful. It is not glad about injustice, but rejoices in the truth. It bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. 8 Love never ends.... ~ 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Therefore we must not pass judgment on one another, but rather determine never to place an obstacle or a trap before a brother or sister. ~ Romans 14:13

5) Do Not Pass Judgment On One Another.

This is a tricky one and requires some CIE (Context Is Everything) study to properly interpret what Paul has in mind. Sometimes we are told not to judge. Sometimes we are told to judge.

“Do not judge so that you will not be judged. ~ Matthew 7:1

For what do I have to do with judging those outside? {In the Greek this rhetorical question assumes a negative answer. Nothing.} Are you not to judge those inside? {In the Greek this rhetorical question assumes a positive answer. Yes. Of course.} But God will judge those outside. Remove the evil person from among you. ~ 1 Corinthians 5:12-13

If so, have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil motives? ~ James 2:4

The Bible doesn't say we can never judge a sin as a sin or judge that a sinner is a sinner. Our court system would crumble if that was the case. There are types of judgment that the Bible warns us against. However, these examples are very different from seeing someone doing something harmful or evil and then "judging" or confronting them on it. If done with the right motivation, in a spirit of humility and concern, seeking to correct and restore a brother or sister, this type of "judgment" just might save someone else from serious harm and we are actually commanded **TO** judge one another in this way but commanded to **NOT** judge those who are outside of the Body of Christ in that way.

Receive one another, then, just as Christ also received you, to God's glory. ~ Romans 15:7

6) Receive One Another.

We can also translate this as Accept One Another. Love and accept each other as we are but love each other too much to leave each other where we are found. Spur each other on.

But I myself am fully convinced about you, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able to instruct one another. ~ Romans 15:14

7) Instruct One Another.

Noutheteó (GREEK)

Admonish, warn, counsel or exhort.

Exerting positive pressure on someone's logic or reasoning.

Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. ~ Romans 16:16

8) Greet One Another With A Holy Kiss.