

# ONE ANOTHER: ATTITUDES & ACTIONS (1)

## INTRODUCTION

The verses we look at in this study are based off of the Greek word, *allellon* (ah-LAY-lone), which means, 'one another, reciprocally, or mutually.' Depending upon your translation, it may like, 'one another'.

## ATTITUDES (FRAMEWORK = LOVE)

### AGAPE LOVE: JESUS GIVES A **NEW** COMMANDMENT

**John 13:34-35:** A new commandment I give to you, that you love [*agape*] one another; as I have loved you [this is a high bar], that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another. **John 15:12, 17: 12** This is My commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. **17** These things I command you, that you love one another. **Romans 13:8:** Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law. **1** **Thessalonians 3:12:** And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all, just as we do to you. **1** **Thessalonians 4:9:** But concerning brotherly love [*philadelphia*] you have no need that I should write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love [*agape*] one another. **2** **Thessalonians 1:3:** We are bound to thank God always for you, brethren, as it is fitting, because your faith grows exceedingly, and the love of every one of you all abounds toward each other. **1** **Peter 1:22:** Since you have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit in sincere love of the brethren [*philadelphia*], love [*agape*] one another fervently with a pure heart. **1** **John 3:11, 23a: 11** For this is the message that you heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. **23a** And this is His commandment: that we should believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ and love one another. **1** **John 4:7, 11-12: 7** Beloved, let us love one another, for love is of God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. **11** Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has seen God at any time. If we love one another, God abides in us, and His love has been perfected in us. **2** **John 1:5-6: 5** And now I plead with you, lady, not as though I wrote a new commandment to you, but that which we have had from the beginning: that we love one another. **6** This is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, that as you have heard from the beginning, you should walk in it.

### PHILOSTORGOS

**Romans 12:10:** Be kindly affectionate [*philos* and *storge* combined] to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another. [i.e., be friendly like they are family—because they are our family] What does this look like in practice? **John 13:14:** If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet.

## IRRITATING

**Hebrews 10:24:** **And let us consider** [perceive, fix one's eyes upon] **one another in order to stir up** [incite, **irritate**] **love** [*agape*] **and good works** [beautiful acts]. **1 Thessalonians 5:15:** **See that no one renders evil for evil to anyone, but always pursue what is good both for yourselves and for all.**

## LIKE-MINDED

**Romans 12:16:** **Be of the same mind** [cherish the same views, be **harmonious**] **toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion.** [Cherish others' views and do not devalue others over likes and dislikes] **Romans 15:5:** **Now may the God of patience and comfort grant you to be like-minded toward one another, according to Christ Jesus.** [Patience and comfort are needed for this like-mindedness to occur] **Romans 14:19:** **Therefore let us pursue** [to **run** swiftly in order to catch; to harass or trouble without the idea of hostility] **the things which make for peace** [tranquility] **and the things by which one may edify another.** [Seek activities that build up and create peace. Make decisions based on the needs of others.]

## HUPOTASSO

**Ephesians 5:21:** **Submitting** [a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, **assuming** responsibility, and carrying a burden] **to one another in the fear of God.** **1 Peter 5:5:** **Likewise you younger people, submit yourselves to your elders. Yes, all of you be submissive to one another, and be clothed** [knot or band by which two things are fastened together, to fasten] **with humility, for "God resists the proud, But gives grace to the humble."** [Dress appropriately]

## STAND OUT

**Philippians 2:3:** **Let nothing be done through selfish ambition** [electioneering (positioning/politicking so that I get my wants for my purposes)] **or conceit** [pride], **but in lowliness of mind** [deep sense of one's moral littleness] **let each esteem** [lead and think of] **others better** [**stand out**, rise above; **When was the last time you saw a child do everything they could do to help someone else stand out?**] **than himself.**

## APPLYING ONE ANOTHER ATTITUDES

Love, do irritatingly beautiful acts, be like-minded, assume responsibility, and help others stand out

## ACTIONS: PART 1 (FRAMEWORK = ENGAGEMENT)

## KISSING

**Romans 16:16a: Greet one another with a holy kiss. 1 Corinthians 16:20b: Greet one another with a holy kiss. 2 Corinthians 13:12: Greet one another with a holy kiss. 1 Peter 5:14a: Greet one another with a kiss of love.** Adam Clarke Commentary: In those early times, the kiss, as a token of peace, friendship and brotherly love, was frequent among all people. . . . People's New Testament: The kiss is still a common salutation in the East, and was in New Testament times. The custom is still preserved in the Greek churches. Robertson's Word Pictures: Men kissed men and women kissed women.

## CARING

**1 Corinthians 12:25: That there should be no schism in the [singular] body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.** [I should care about you like I care for me.] David Guzik: We should care for one another because we are all part of the **same** body. The parts of the body work together. The eyes and ears do not only serve themselves, but the whole body. The hands do not only feed and defend themselves, but the whole body. The heart does not only supply blood to itself, but serves the whole body. Sometimes there is a part of our body which only lives to serve itself. It doesn't contribute anything to the rest of the body, and everything it gets it uses to feed and grow itself. We call this cancer.

## FORGIVING

**Ephesians 4:32: And be kind to one another** [in the present imperative tense, literally meaning, 'keep on **becoming** kind'], **tenderhearted** [compassionate—having the bowels easily moved (something hitting us in the gut)], **forgiving one another** [this is a command, not a recommendation], **even as God in Christ forgave you.** **Colossians 3:13: Bearing with one another** [referring to **present** offenses], **and forgiving one another** [referring to **past** offenses], **if anyone has a complaint** [cause of blame] **against another: even as Christ forgave you, so you also must** [not optional] **do.**

## COMFORTING

**1 Thessalonians 4:18: Therefore comfort one another** [not, 'take comfort' but 'comfort one another'—we are to **assume** responsibility for the comfort of other believers in times of death] **with these words.** **1 Thessalonians 5:11: Therefore comfort each other and edify** [build up—David Guzik: **when this is our first focus, God will build us up. The vision is of a church full of active participants, not passive spectators**] **one another, just as you are also doing.**

## APPLYING ONE ANOTHER ACTIONS

Greet one another, see ourselves as part of the **body**, forgive quickly, and comfort often

# ONE ANOTHER: ANTI & ACTIVITIES (2)

## ANTI ONE ANOTHERS (FRAMEWORK = HOW TO LOOK LIKE A PAGAN)

### OLD WAYS (THINGS THAT DO NOT MARK OUR CHARACTERS ANY MORE)

**Romans 1:27:** Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due. **Galatians 5:17:** For the flesh lusts against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh; and these are contrary to one another, so that you do not do the things that you wish. **Titus 3:3:** For we ourselves were also once foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving various lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful and hating one another.

### DEPRIVING (A THING TO DO TO LOOK LIKE A PAGAN)

**1 Corinthians 7:5:** Do not deprive [rob] one another [referring to sex] except with consent for a time, that you may give yourselves to fasting and prayer; and come together again so that Satan does not tempt you because of your lack of self-control. [We are not to deprive our spouses]

### SPEAKING (THINGS TO SAY TO SOUND LIKE A PAGAN)

**Romans 14:13:** Therefore let us not judge [resolve or decree; pronounce an opinion/judgment; govern; separate—specifically this entire chapter is referring to things that are doubtful: open-handed] one another anymore, but rather resolve [same Greek word for judge] this, not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall [Greek = skandalon, where we get our word scandal, meaning a trap] in our brother's way. [Do not pronounce opinions, rather ensure we are not causing problems; See DTSCB, pages 14-16] **James 4:11:** Do not speak evil of one another, brethren. He who speaks evil of a brother and judges his brother, speaks evil of the law and judges the law. But if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law but a judge. **James 5:9:** Do not grumble against one another, brethren, lest you be condemned. Behold, the Judge is standing at the door! [Satan is the accuser—and he stays busy—let us not assist him in his work] **Colossians 3:9:** Do not lie to [deceive] one another, since you have put [stripped] off the old man with his deeds. [This is not who we are any more] **Galatians 5:26:** Let us not become conceited [glorying without reason; Barry Switzer: Some people are born on third base and go through life thinking they hit a triple], provoking [calling out] one another, envying one another. [Don't want what others have and don't be proud of what we have] **Galatians 5:15:** But if you bite [cut] up] and devour [squander/waste] one another, beware lest you be consumed [shamelessly spent] by one another! [Do not use people]

## ACTIONS: PART 2 (FRAMEWORK = MEMBERS OF ONE ANOTHER)

**Romans 12:5:** *So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members [limbs] of one another.* [Believers are members of one body (not one local church) and must work together]

## SPEAKING

**Ephesians 4:25:** *Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor," for we are members of one another.* [Our connectedness is real and has real impacts (even through it is invisible to our physical eyes)] **Romans 15:14:** *Now I myself am confident concerning you, my brethren, that you also are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, able also to admonish [Greek = *noutheteo*, meaning to warn, exhort or **counsel**] one another.* [Do not excuse sinful behavior by remaining silent] **James 5:16:** *Confess [acknowledge] your trespasses to one another, and pray for [on behalf of, for the sake of] one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.* [Honesty and support are commanded—and healing is the result]

## RECEIVING

**Romans 15:7:** *Therefore receive [take in] one another, just as Christ also received us, to the glory of God.* [You are important to me because you are important to Christ] **1 Corinthians 11:33:** *Therefore, my brethren, when you come together to eat, wait for [to look for, accept and expect] one another.* [We will wait for people we feel are **important** (i.e., lunch with Senator Corker)]

## SERVING

**Galatians 5:13:** *For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love [agape] serve [be a **slave**] one another.* [Love compels service] **1 Peter 4:9:** *Be hospitable [generosity] to one another without grumbling.* [Freely welcome]

## BEARING

**Ephesians 4:2:** *With all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering [a **slowness** in avenging wrong], bearing with [sustaining, **holding** up] one another in love.* [Be strong in the Lord to help others] **Galatians 6:2:** *Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.* [The law of Christ is love (where we started this series)]

## WHAT IS THE OUTCOME OF APPLYING THESE ONE ANOTHER ACTIVITIES?

**1 John 1:7:** *But if we walk [conduct our lives] in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship [koinonia—association, **community**, joint participation] with one another, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.* [We weave a beautiful picture of **faith** that encourages (**Romans 1:12**)]

## ONE ANOTHER CHALLENGE: WHICH ONE ANOTHERS DO I NEED TO ASK FOR HELP WITH?