



Examining the One Another Passages

**Q1 2020 Adult Class
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The One Another Passages



Review from Last Week

1. We studied last week in Romans 12:16 and 15:5-6 that we are to “be of the same mind toward one another” and “with one another”. What does that mean and how do we go about doing that?
2. Why do you believe this command is repeated so frequently in the NT?
3. What are some practical steps we should take in accordance with Scripture to “be of the same mind with one another”?

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Introduction

Gal 5:13

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love *serve one another*. NKJV

Diakoneo-to minister to someone else.

Douleo-to become a slave, to serve, to obey, to submit to another.

What Greek word is used here by Paul and what is the key meaning?

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Introduction

Gal 5:13-14

13 For you, brethren, have been called to liberty; only do not use liberty as an opportunity for the flesh, *but through love serve one another.* 14 For all the law is fulfilled in one word, even in this: "*You shall love your neighbor as yourself.*" NKJV

What is a key to serving others?

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The Best Example of Serving Others-Jesus Christ

Matt 20:25-28

25 But Jesus called them to Himself and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those who are great exercise authority over them. 26 *Yet it shall not be so among you; but whoever desires to become great among you, let him be your servant. 27 And whoever desires to be first among you, let him be your slave — 28 just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.*" NKJV

Question #2.

b. How does the example of Jesus shape our perspective of what it means to submit (and serve) others?

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The Best Example of Serving Others-Jesus Christ

John 13:1-5

1 Now before the Feast of the Passover, when Jesus knew that His hour had come that He should depart from this world to the Father, having loved His own who were in the world, He loved them to the end.

2 And supper being ended, the devil having already put it into the heart of Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, to betray Him, 3 Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into His hands, and that He had come from God and was going to God, 4 rose from supper and laid aside His garments, took a towel and girded Himself. 5 After that, He poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel with which He was girded.

NKJV

What was the key point Jesus was making here?

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The Best Example of Serving Others-Jesus Christ

John 13:12-17

12 So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? 13 You call Me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. 14 If I then, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, *you also ought to wash one another's feet.* 15 *For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you.* 16 Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. 17 If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. NKJV

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Characteristics of a Servant

1. Puts others needs first.

Phil 2:3-4

3 Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind *let each esteem others better than himself.* 4 *Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.* NKJV

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Characteristics of a Servant

1. Puts others needs first.

James 2:15-17

15 If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, 16 and one of you says to them, "Depart in peace, be warmed and filled," but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? 17 Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead. NKJV

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Characteristics of a Servant

2. Prepares to be inconvenienced.

Luke 10:30-35

30 Then Jesus answered and said: "A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, who stripped him of his clothing, wounded him, and departed, leaving him half dead. 31 Now by chance a certain priest came down that road. And when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. 32 Likewise a Levite, when he arrived at the place, came and looked, and passed by on the other side. 33 But a certain Samaritan, as he journeyed, came where he was. And when he saw him, he had compassion. 34 So he went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine; and he set him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. 35 On the next day, when he departed, he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said to him, 'Take care of him; and whatever more you spend, when I come again, I will repay you.' NKJV

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Characteristics of a Servant

2. Prepares to be inconvenienced.

Phil 2:5-8

5 Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, *He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross.*

NKJV

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Characteristics of a Servant

3. Serves in unnoticed ways.

Matt 6:1-4

"Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven. 2 Therefore, when you do a charitable deed, do not sound a trumpet before you as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory from men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 3 But when you do a charitable deed, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, 4 that your charitable deed may be in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly. NKJV

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Self Examination

With Other Christians:

1. ___ I'm willing to serve others even when I am not given public recognition.
2. ___ I'm actually looking for opportunities to be a servant.
3. ___ I'm praying for other Christians at least as much as I pray for myself.
4. ___ I'm willing to become involved in other Christian's lives.
5. ___ I'm using my material possessions to help others and the local church.
6. ___ I am practicing hospitality.

With our Families:

7. ___ I want to serve others rather than be served.
8. ___ I put others first before me.
9. ___ I look for opportunities to honor others rather than to be honored.
10. ___ I make sure to put others needs first over my own needs.

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

Question # 1.

Much is said in the NT concerning the topic of submission. Read I Tim. 5:17 and Hebrews 13:17 involving the relationship of Christians to the elders in the local body. Read I Peter 5:5-6 pertaining to the relationship of younger men to older men. Address each of the following questions:

- a. Why are we to submit to the elders?
- b. What are some practical methods to express our submission to (and support for) the elders of our church?
- c. When younger men act in submission to the older men, what are the results?

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Questions for Thought and Discussion:

Question #3:

Read Ephesians 5:22-24 (wives to husbands), Eph. 5:25-28 (husbands to wives), Eph. 6:1-3 (children to parents) and Eph. 6:4 (parents to children) and address the following questions:

- a. How is it possible that men might be confused about the concept of headship over their wives?
- b. How does the husband act in submission to his wife? How does the wife act in submission to her husband?
- c. What responsibility do parents have to their children? When we fulfill this responsibility, what is the likely outcome?