

A Healthy Body

Starting Broad: John 15:12 and 2 Thessalonians 1:3

Importance of knowing HOW to do this:

- We are a body.
- For a body to accomplish a work, there has to be health.
- For continued work, the health needs to be sustainable and complete.
- We have a work to do; we are His laborers.
- A transparent church is scrutinized both for the work and the health.

Defining LOVE (John 15:13) and defining CHARITY (1 Corinthians 13:4-7):

- Although these are broad ideas, the church structure is given many specific commands that complete charity and love. As a Christian, we are accountable to these.

Zooming In: GET together, GROW together, WORK together.

Mindset Check – As we go through these 6 things:

1. Which do I do well?
2. Which do I need to grow in?
3. Do I do these for my closest relationships at church?
4. Do I do this for my more distant church relationships?

6 Mandates

#1. UNIFY

- United by separation from the world – *2 Corinthians 6:17*
- Be likeminded – *Romans 12:16, 15:5-7; 1 Corinthians 1:10*
- Build relationships – *Romans 16:2; 1 Corinthians 12:23-25*
- Maintain relationships – *Ephesians 4:2-3; 2 Corinthians 12:20*
 - *Note: Be ready to restore and forgive - Galatians 6:1; Colossians 3:13*
- Defend our fellowship – *Romans 16:17; 1 Corinthians 5:4-7; 2 Thessalonians 3:6*

#2. Submit to STRUCTURE

- Have STRUCTURE – *1 Corinthians 4:15-16*
- Submit to it – *1 Corinthians 6:1-8, 10:10, 14:40; Ephesians 4:11-13; 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13; v14*
- Serve in the SOCIETAL role you find yourself in – *1 Corinthians 11:3; Ephesians 6:1-9*

#3. Minister – SERVE; WORK

- Minister to EACH OTHER – *Romans 15:1, 16:2; 1 Corinthians 10:24; 2 Corinthians 8:2-3; 1 Thessalonians 5:15*
- Minister together to GOD – *Romans 12:11, 2 Corinthians 4:1*

#4. EDIFY – Structured growth and development

- How we advance the sanctification of each other by the clear standards and processes in Scripture.
- Show truth and obey it.
- **2 ways to do this:**
 1. TEACH– *1 Corinthians 10:23, 14:31-33; Galatians 6:6; Ephesians 4:14-16; Colossians 3:16; 1 Timothy 4:13; 2 Timothy 4:2; Romans 15:14*
 2. CORRECT
 - A. Warn (admonish) – Notify, expose wrong – *1 Corinthians 11:31; Ephesians 4:25; Colossians 3:16; 1 Thessalonians 5:14; 2 Timothy 4:2, 2:25*
 - B. Rebuke (reprove, accuse) – *2 Corinthians 7:8-9; Galatians 2:11; 1 Timothy 5:19-20; 2 Timothy 4:2*
 - This should follow structure of *Matthew 18:17*

#5. COMFORT– Spiritual and Emotional Support

- ENCOURAGE– Can be exhortation – *1 Thessalonians 2:11, 2 Peter 3:1*
- COUNSEL– Comfort by advice or empathy. We can counsel from scripture and our own experience. *Romans 1:12; 1 Corinthians 14:31; 2 Corinthians 1:4, 2:7-8; 1 Thessalonians 2:11, 4:18, 5:11, 5:14*
- Admonish – Admonishment should be a comfort or you may just be rebuking. *2 Corinthians 8:7*
- Bearing Burdens – Spiritual, emotional, physical weaknesses – *Romans 15:1, 1 Corinthians 8:7-13, Galatians 5:13, 6:2*

#6. Pray

- Pray FOR each other – *Romans 1:9, Ephesians 1:16*
- Pray WITH each other – *Romans 15:30, Ephesians 6:18*