

Revolution Of Ordinaries

Helping the “Unschoolled & Ordinary” Make Disciples

Living The “One Another” passages

The Greek word *Alaelon* is usually translated “one another”

- It occurs 100 times in the Greek New Testament
- There are only 5 books in the NT that do not have this phrase (1 & 2 Tim, Philemon, 3 John, and Jude).

There are two ways this word is used in the NT.

The first way is describing interactions between people:

Matthew 25:32 – he separates the sheep from the goats – “he will separate the people from each other as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats.”

In this case it is physical action and movement within a group of people.

Mark 9:34 – “they had argued with one another who was the greatest.”

Romans 12:5 ties these two uses together. “in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to each other/one another.” Paul is saying, Because we are united in this way there is a certain way we are to treat each other.

The second way this word is used is encouragement of proper action between Christians:

This is what we are most concerned about.

Paul uses this word frequently in his epistles to describe how we are to treat other Christians.

“One another” as an attitude – where do we learn to do this from? Not because it is just another “good idea” but because God modeled this way of living to us through Christ.

What does this mean for us?

What is the bottom line? – If a word is used that many times in scripture there has to be something to it. We are to be so connected with each other that we cannot help but act positively toward one another and avoid doing harm to each other. This word is about building community. When we practice these things we will have built a community centered on God.

One Another Passages List

Things to do in regard to each other:

- Rom 12:10 – **Be devoted** to one another in brotherly love. **Honor** one another above yourselves.
- Rom 12:16 – **Live in harmony with** one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position.
- Rom 13:8 – Let no debt remain outstanding, except **the continuing debt to love** one another, for he who loves his fellowman fulfilled the law.
- Rom 14:19 – Let us therefore make every effort to **do what leads to peace** and to **building up** one another (=mutual edification)
- Rom 15:7 – **Accept** one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God. (notice here how we treat each other has a direct relationship to our relationship with God)
- 12:25 – so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should **have equal concern** for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.
- Gal 5:13-14 - You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather **serve** one another in love. The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”
- Gal 6:2 – **Carry** each other’s **burdens**, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.
- Eph 4:2 – Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, **bearing with** one another in love.
- Eph 4:32 – Be **kind** and **compassionate** to one another, **forgiving** each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.
- Eph 5:22 – **Submit** to one another out of reverence for Christ.
- Phil 2:3 – Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility **consider others better than yourselves**.
- Col 3:13 – **Bear with** each other and **forgive whatever grievances** you may have against one another.
- 1 Thess 3:12 – May the Lord make **your love increase** and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as our does for you.
- 1 Thess 4:18 – Therefore **encourage** each other with these words
- Heb 10:24 – And let us consider how we may **spur** one another on toward love and good deeds.
- James 5:16 - Therefore, **confess your sins** to each other and **pray for** each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective.
- 1 Peter 1:22 – Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, **love** one another deeply, from the heart.
- 1 Peter 4:9 – **Offer hospitality** to one another, without grumbling.
- 1 Peter 5:5 – Young men, in the same way be submissive to those who are older. All of you, **clothe yourselves with humility** toward one another.
- 1 John 1:7 – But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have **fellowship with** one another, and the blood of Jesus, his son purifies us from all sin.

Things to avoid doing to each other:

- Rom 14:13 - Let us **stop passing judgment** on one another.
- Gal 5:15, 26 – if you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or **you will be destroyed by** each other...Let us not become conceited, **provoking and envying** each other.
- Col 3:9 – **Do not lie** to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self.
- James 4:11 – Brothers, **do not slander** one another.
- James 5:9 – **Do not grumble** against each other.