

THE A.W.E.S.O.M.E. GIFT OF *one another*

A FOR ATTITUDE

- “One-anothering” is less about what we do & more about our attitude.
- We can DO or even SAY “nice” things to one another without truly loving them like Jesus. God sees our attitude, not just our actions.

DO NOTHING OUT OF SELFISH AMBITION OR VAIN CONCEIT. RATHER, IN HUMILITY VALUE OTHERS ABOVE YOURSELVES, NOT LOOKING TO YOUR OWN INTERESTS BUT EACH OF YOU TO THE INTERESTS OF THE OTHERS. IN YOUR RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER, HAVE THE SAME MINDSET AS CHRIST JESUS.

(PHILIPPIANS 2:3-5)

W FOR WELCOME

- Have outstretched arms towards others . Don’t be exclusive when it comes to showing love and hospitality.
- Jesus’ death and resurrection turned strangers into family. (Ephesians 2:14-17).

**WELCOME ONE ANOTHER AS CHRIST HAS WELCOMED YOU. (ROMANS 15:7)
SHOW HOSPITALITY TO ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT GRUMBLING.**

(1 PETER 4:9)

E FOR ENCOURAGE

- Use your words for good! Encouraging one another means that the Bible is always open on the table of our hearts, ready to “give grace to those who hear” (Ephesians 4:29)

**ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER AND BUILD ONE ANOTHER UP.
(1 THESSALONIANS 5:11)**

LET THE WORD OF CHRIST DWELL IN YOU RICHLY, TEACHING AND ADMONISHING ONE ANOTHER IN ALL WISDOM.

(COLOSSIANS 3:16)

S FOR SERVE

- Jesus didn’t just speak to people ... he healed them, ate with them, provided for their needs, demonstrated affection and encouraged laughter.
- We can go beyond saying an encouraging word or, “I’ll pray for you” and also be the hands and feet of Jesus, not just speaking of his love, but showing it, too.

**AS EACH HAS RECEIVED A GIFT, USE IT TO SERVE ONE ANOTHER.
(1 PETER 4:10)**

**“DEAR CHILDREN, LET US NOT LOVE WITH WORDS OR SPEECH BUT WITH ACTIONS AND IN TRUTH.”
(1 JOHN 3:17-18)**

O FOR OFFER FORGIVENESS

- Jesus showed us that loving means forgiving. This love can hurt. Not counting others’ sins against them, not holding onto it or allowing it to become the lens through which we see them takes the power of Jesus’ love in us. But forgiving one another is necessary, God-glorifying, and freeing.

**BE KIND TO ONE ANOTHER, TENDERHEARTED, FORGIVING ONE ANOTHER, AS GOD IN CHRIST FORGAVE YOU.
(EPHESIANS 4:32)**

M.E. IT’S NOT ABOUT “ME”

- Loving and serving one another is a command given to glorify God. Not us.
- Every good and kind thing we do for one another should point us to how AWESOME Jesus is.

**BY THIS MY FATHER IS GLORIFIED, THAT YOU BEAR MUCH FRUIT AND SO PROVE TO BE MY DISCIPLES.
(JOHN 15:8)**



In our study of the life of Paul called *Intersections*, we've paid close attention to his interactions with others, particularly with Jesus, Ananias, Barnabas, the Apostles, and Timothy. God allowed Paul's life to intersect with these people to help him become more like Jesus and prepare him for the work ahead—building the first churches! Paul sent out letters to the churches to encourage them, challenge them, and help them become more like Jesus themselves. But these letters don't have an expiration date. They are God's Word. Through the pen of Paul (and other New Testament authors), our Maker speaks to us and to every Jesus follower. The words found in these books describe a life of joy, strength, and holiness, but not without mention of two simple words: "one another." About fifty times in the New Testament, we are called to speak, do, or feel something towards "one another." The "one-another" commands are evidence of the life of Jesus at work in the people of God. "One-Anothering" shows how AWESOME God is.

Life can get busy. We can easily forget to see others and take time to connect meaningfully. Often, we fall into a "one-way road" mindset instead of a "one-another" mindset. The "mind of Christ" we are called to in Philippians 2:5 is one that leads us into deep community with others. When we, like Jesus, seek to bless and encourage the people around us, we experience the AWESOME gift of *one another*. Each letter in the word AWESOME represents a different "one another" command God has given us. Let's break it down letter by letter. One of the ways you can use this helpful tool is by focusing on one letter each week, memorizing the corresponding bible verse, and journaling areas of growth and opportunity each day.

