

Our

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The Disciples' Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NKJV): In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done On earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, As we forgive our debtors. And do not lead us into temptation, But deliver us from the evil one. For Yours is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Our

Why would Jesus use the word “Our?” He wants us to have a corporate mindset. He didn’t say to pray “my” Father, but “our” Father. Jesus desires unity and oneness in the body and ultimately in all things.

Jesus Desires Oneness

- The Lord's Prayer
 - **John 17:11, 20-23 (NIV):** “I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one." "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them

may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

- Unity in all things
 - **Ephesians 1:9-10 (NIV):** “He made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment—to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ.”

Oneness—The Scriptural Concept of Unity

When reading scripture and looking for the concept of unity, we often find it in the concept of Oneness (one mind, one body, one spirit, one mouth, being one as Jesus and the Father are one). So, be on the lookout for “one” in the following scriptures.

The Outcomes of Oneness

Oneness in the Body of Christ impacts at least three areas: God and His Kingdom, Corporate Benefits, and Individual Benefits.

God and His Kingdom

- We glorify God
 - **Romans 15:5-6 (NIV):** “May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
- We further the Gospel (strive together for the faith of the Gospel)
 - **Philippians 1:27-28 (NIV):** “Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the one Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved—and that by God.”
- We declare his coming – The Voice of One
 - **Matthew 3:3 (NIV):** “This is he who was spoken of through the prophet Isaiah: ‘A voice of one calling in the wilderness, “Prepare the way for the Lord, make straight paths for him.’”
 - **^Romans 15:6 (NIV):** “, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”
 - Drawing a symbolic meaning from this scripture. Here we see that John the Baptist was called “The voice of one.” That phrase really stuck out to me one day...the voice of one. John, of course, was one person. So, his voice was always one. However, if God intends us to be one as the Father and Son are one, then our voice also can be “The voice of one.” When we have one voice, then we can declare the will of the Lord freely and

accurately. John used one voice to declare Christ's first coming. **We can use one voice to declare his second coming.**

Corporate Benefits

- God commands (bestows) his blessing
 - **Psalms 133:1-3 (NIV):** "How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity! It is like precious oil poured on the head, running down on the beard, running down on Aaron's beard, down on the collar of his robe. It is as if the dew of Hermon were falling on Mount Zion. For there the Lord bestows his blessing, even life forevermore."
 - **1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV):** "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."
- The God of love and peace will be with us
 - **2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV):** "Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you."
 - This is not to say that he is not always with us, but there will be clearer recognition of his love and peace in the corporate body when we are of one mind versus when there is strife and contention.
 - Note the indication that living in one mind (in unity) is related to living in peace.
- Attaining the Full Measure of Christ
 - **Ephesians 4:11-13 (NIV):** "So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
- We can grasp the fullness of God's love.
 - **Ephesians 3:17b-19 (NIV):** "[...] And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God."
 - Notice again, as in Ephesians 4:14 above, the tie back into this ability to attain the "measure of all the fullness of God" through this corporate unity.
- Answered Prayer
 - **Matthew 18:19-20 (NIV):** "Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them."

Individual Benefits

- Humility—freedom from the burden of self-importance.

- **Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV):** “Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.”
 - This scripture shows us that humility, gentleness, patience, and love is the path to keeping unity.
 - Humility does not mean seeing yourself lowly. It means seeing yourself rightly.
 - “Humble” comes from the Latin word for “near the ground,” meaning it is associated with fertile soil. Humility is how the word of God can truly take root in our hearts.
- **Ephesians 5:21 (NIV):** “Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.”
 - Humility frees us from the burden of self-importance, which leads to being submissive to one another.
- More Grace (More Favor)—the humility we gain attracts more grace.
 - **1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV):** “In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, ‘God opposes the proud but shows favor [gives grace] to the humble.’ Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.”
- Avoids Destruction and Falling
 - **Proverbs 16:18 (NIV):** “Pride goes before destruction, a haughty spirit before a fall.”
 - If unity breeds humility (and vice versa), it also avoids personal destruction and failure.
- You are not alone
 - Scripture makes it clear that God never leaves us alone and nothing can separate us from him (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit)
 - **Isaiah 41:10 (NIV):** “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
 - **John 14:16-17 (NIV):** “And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever—the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.”
 - **Psalms 27:10 (NIV):** “Though my father and mother forsake me, the Lord will receive me.”
 - **Matthew 28:20 (NIV):** “And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”
 - **Psalms 139:5, 7-10 (NIV):** “You hem me in behind and before, and you lay your hand upon me. Where can I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence? If I go up to the heavens, you are there; if I make my bed in the depths, you are there. If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast.”
 - **John 10:28-29 (NIV):** “I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father’s hand.”

- **Romans 8:38-39 (NIV):** “For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.
 - However, I believe that in Jesus's prayer for us to be one as he and the Father are one is a clear indication that we can be a sign to one another that we are never alone. If we walk in unity, then none among us should ever feel that they must face it alone. We have each other.
 - Jesus sent his disciples out into the world in no less than pairs. He always made sure that they had someone.
 - **Luke 10:1-2 (NIV):** “After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them two by two ahead of him to every town and place where he was about to go. He told them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.'"
 - A man stuck in a hole.
 - Psychiatrist - writes a prescription and throws down in the hole.
 - Priest - writes out a prayer and throws it down the hole.
 - Friend - jumps in the hole. "Are you stupid? Now we're both down here." The friend says, "Yeah, but I've been down here before and I know the way out."
 - **Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 (NIV):** “Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up."
- You are seen – From Loneliness to Being Celebrated
 - This goes hand-in-hand with not being alone, but it delves a little deeper into the idea of not only being “not alone” into the idea of being “not lonely.”
 - It is possible to be lonely even when you are not alone. This happens when we are not truly seen by others.
 - In true oneness, your life does not go unobserved. With unity you always have those with you who will celebrate your victories and mourn your losses.
 - This is why Richard J. Foster, in his classic book The Celebration of Discipline, places the discipline of Celebration as a corporate discipline.
 - Celebration by the corporate body over individual victories ensures that the individual knows that they are seen. It shows the individual, “I see you and you are worth celebrating.”
 - **1 Corinthians 12:26-27 (NIV):** "If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."
 - A life observed has deeper meaning.
 - Marriage is the clearest expression of this type of bond in unity. So much so that the relationship between Jesus and the church is described as a Bride and Groom in scripture.
 - “We need a witness to our lives. There are 8 billion people on the planet ... I mean, what does any one life really mean? But in a marriage, you're promising to care about everything — the good things, the bad things, the terrible things, the

mundane things ... all of it, all the time, every day. You're saying, 'Your life will not go unnoticed because I will notice it. Your life will not go un-witnessed because I will be your witness.'

~Susan Sarandon in "Shall We Dance"

- However, we do not have to be married to be seen at this level when we are one in the Body of Christ. This blessing is for the young and the old, the married and unmarried, the divorced and widowed, the popular and unpopular, the rich and the poor, the weak and the strong.

How to Achieve Oneness

Here are some ideas about how to achieve oneness. I do not claim this to be an exhaustive list.

- The Gifts must be at work in the Body
 - **Ephesians 4:7-13 (NIV):** "But to each one of us grace has been given as Christ apportioned it. This is why it says: 'When he ascended on high, he took many captives and gave gifts to his people.' (What does 'he ascended' mean except that he also descended to the lower, earthly regions? He who descended is the very one who ascended higher than all the heavens, in order to fill the whole universe.) So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."
- Developing a Culture of Honor
 - **1 Corinthians 12:12-27 (NIV):** "Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit so as to form one body—whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. Even so the body is not made up of one part but of many. Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, but one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, 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. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

- We must recognize that we all need each other, and we are all needed.
 - We must **give greater honor** to any part of the body that lacks it so that we will have full unity in the body.
- Die to Self
 - **Luke 9:23 (NIV):** "Then he said to them all: 'Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"
 - **John 15:12-13 (NIV):** "My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you. Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."
 - **Galatians 2:20 (NIV):** "I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."
 - If we consider what it means to follow Jesus with our cross, it becomes clear that he is calling us to walk into laying down our lives for others. That was his path with the cross, it must be ours, too.
 - Our cross does not save others, but it does develop a culture of self-sacrificial love that breeds unity in the body.
- Persecution – a catalyst to unity
 - **Acts 12:5-12 (NIV):** "So Peter was kept in prison, but the church was earnestly praying to God for him. The night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, bound with two chains, and sentries stood guard at the entrance. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He struck Peter on the side and woke him up. 'Quick, get up!' he said, and the chains fell off Peter's wrists. Then the angel said to him, 'Put on your clothes and sandals.' And Peter did so. 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me,' the angel told him. Peter followed him out of the prison, but he had no idea that what the angel was doing was really happening; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first and second guards and came to the iron gate leading to the city. It opened for them by itself, and they went through it. When they had walked the length of one street, suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I know without a doubt that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from Herod's clutches and from everything the Jewish people were hoping would happen.' When this had dawned on him, he went to the house of Mary the mother of John, also called Mark, where many people had gathered and were praying."
- The One Anothers
 - Love One Another
 - John 13:34-35
 - Romans 13:8
 - 1 Thessalonians 3:12-13
 - 1 Thessalonians 4:9
 - 1 Peter 1:22
 - 1 John 3:11
 - 1 John 3:23-24
 - 1 John 4:7-8, 11-12
 - 2 John 5-6
 - Have Compassion for One Another - 1 Peter 3:8-9

- Be Kindly Affectioned to One Another (Devoted) - Romans 12:10
- Receive One Another - Romans 15:7
- Admonish One Another (Caution or Reprove Gently)
 - Romans 15:14
 - Colossians 3:16
- Greet One Another with a holy kiss (cultural, but greet with kind affection)
 - Romans 16:16
 - 1 Corinthians 16:20
 - 2 Corinthians 13:12
 - 1 Peter 5:14
- Serve One Another
 - John 13:14 (the picture of servant hood)
 - Galatians 5:13
- Be Forbearing with One Another (Patient)
 - Ephesians 4:2-3
 - Colossians 3:13
- Teach One Another - Colossians 3:16
- Prefer One Another (Put First, before yourself, also to honor another's opinion) - Romans 12:10
- Be Kind To One Another - Ephesians 4:32
- Forgive One Another
 - Ephesians 4:32
 - Colossians 3:13
- Comfort One Another - 1 Thessalonians 4:18
- Edify One Another (Build Up)
 - 1 Thessalonians 5:11
 - Romans 14:19
- Exhort One Another (urge or advise someone strongly)
 - Hebrews 3:13
 - Hebrews 10:25
- Consider One Another (To Provoke-stir to action-to Love and Good Works) - Hebrews 10:24
- Submit to One Another
 - Ephesians 5:21
 - 1 Peter 5:5-6
- Confess to One Another - James 5:16
- Pray for One Another - James 5:16
- Be Hospitable to One Another - 1 Peter 4:9
- Minister to One Another - 1 Peter 4:10
- Bear One Another's Burdens - Galatians 6:2
- Be Members One of Another
 - Romans 12:5
 - Ephesians 4:25
- Be of the Same Mind to One Another (To interest oneself in another)

- Romans 12:16
- Romans 15:5-6
- Tarry for One Another (wait on each other when gathered for fellowship and eating) - 1 Corinthians 11:33
- Care for One Another (with implication to have same care for all and not just one) - 1 Corinthians 12:25-26
- Have Fellowship One with Another (because of the blood of Jesus) - 1 John 1:7
- The Negative One Anothers
 - Stop Judging One Another - Romans 14:13
 - Do not provoke (incite to anger), bite, devour, and destroy one another - Galatians 5:15,26
 - Do not lie to one another - Colossians 3:9-10
 - Do not sue on another - 1 Corinthians 6:7
 - Do not slander one another - James 4:11
 - Do not grumble against one another - James 5:9

A Severed Body – Warning of False Unity

True biblical unity must always have Christ as the head and us as his body.

- When human unity is not in submission to God: The Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)
- Even if a large number of Christians manage to unite behind a single goal or movement, if Christ is not the head of it, then that very unity leads to division and confusion--just like the Tower of Babel.
- My sheep know my voice, and another voice they will not follow
 - **John 10:1-6 (NIV):** “Very truly I tell you Pharisees, anyone who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger’s voice. Jesus used this figure of speech, but the Pharisees did not understand what he was telling them.”

One Another's Full Scripture References

John 13:34-35 (NIV): "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

Romans 13:8 (NIV): "Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law."

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13 (NIV): "May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, just as ours does for you. May he strengthen your hearts so that you will be blameless and holy in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones."

1 Thessalonians 4:9 (NIV): "Now about your love for one another we do not need to write to you, for you yourselves have been taught by God to love each other."

1 Peter 1:22 (NIV): "Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart."

1 John 3:11 (NIV): "For this is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another."

1 John 3:23-24 (NIV): "And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. The one who keeps God's commands lives in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us."

1 John 4:7-8, 11-12 (NIV): "Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; but if we love one another, God lives in us and his love is made complete in us."

2 John 5-6 (NIV): "And now, dear lady, I am not writing you a new command but one we have had from the beginning. I ask that we love one another. And this is love: that we walk in obedience to his commands. As you have heard from the beginning, his command is that you walk in love."

1 Peter 3:8-9 (NIV): "Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing."

Romans 12:10 (NIV): "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves."

Romans 15:7 (NIV): "Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God."

Romans 15:14 (NIV): "I myself am convinced, my brothers and sisters, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with knowledge and competent to instruct one another."

Colossians 3:16 (NIV): "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts."

Romans 16:16 (NIV): "Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ send greetings."

1 Corinthians 16:20 (NIV): "All the brothers and sisters here send you greetings. Greet one another with a holy kiss."

2 Corinthians 13:12 (NIV): "Greet one another with a holy kiss."

1 Peter 5:14 (NIV): "Greet one another with a kiss of love. Peace to all of you who are in Christ."

John 13:14 (NIV): "Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet."

Galatians 5:13 (NIV): "You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love."

Ephesians 4:2-3 (NIV): "Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love. Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

Colossians 3:13 (NIV): "Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you."

Ephesians 4:32 (NIV): "Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you."

1 Thessalonians 4:18 (NIV): "Therefore encourage one another with these words."

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV): "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

Romans 14:19 (NIV): "Let us therefore make every effort to do what leads to peace and to mutual edification."

Hebrews 3:13 (NIV): "But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called 'Today,' so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness."

Hebrews 10:25 (NIV): "Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."

Hebrews 10:24 (NIV): "And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds."

Ephesians 5:21 (NIV): "Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ."

1 Peter 5:5-6 (NIV): "In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because, 'God opposes the proud but shows favor to the humble.' Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time."

James 5:16 (NIV): "Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."

1 Peter 4:9 (NIV): "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling."

1 Peter 4:10 (NIV): "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."

Galatians 6:2 (NIV): "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."

Romans 12:5 (NIV): "So in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others."

Ephesians 4:25 (NIV): "Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body."

Romans 12:16 (NIV): "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited."

Romans 15:5-6 (NIV): "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."

1 Corinthians 11:33 (NIV): "So then, my brothers and sisters, when you gather to eat, you should all eat together."

1 Corinthians 12:25-26 (NIV): "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."

1 John 1:7 (NIV): "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."

Romans 14:13 (NIV): "Therefore let us stop passing judgment on one another. Instead, make up your mind not to put any stumbling block or obstacle in the way of a brother or sister."

Galatians 5:15, 26 (NIV): "If you bite and devour each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other. Let us not become conceited, provoking and envying each other."

Colossians 3:9-10 (NIV): "Do not lie to each other, since you have taken off your old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge in the image of its Creator."

1 Corinthians 6:7 (NIV): "The very fact that you have lawsuits among you means you have been completely defeated already. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be cheated?"

James 4:11 (NIV): "Brothers and sisters, do not slander one another. Anyone who speaks against a brother or sister or judges them speaks against the law and judges it. When you judge the law, you are not keeping it, but sitting in judgment on it."

James 5:9 (NIV): "Don't grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!"