

# More Than Followers

## Growing Together – Part II

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*"From the very beginning God decided that those who came to Him – and all along He knew who would—should become like His Son..."*  
Romans 8:29 TLB

### How We Grow Together

#### 1. By AFFIRMING each other's WORTH.

- e. With ACCEPTANCE,
- f. With ATTENTION.
- g. With AFFECTION.
- h. With APPRECIATION.

#### 2. By \_\_\_\_\_ for each other's \_\_\_\_\_.

Colossians 4:12 NCV – "Epaphras, a servant of Jesus Christ, from your group, also greets you. He always prays for you that you will grow to be spiritually mature and have everything God wants for you."

Ephesians 3:17-19 TLB – "And I pray that Christ will be more and more at home in your hearts, living within you as you trust in him. May your roots go down deep into the soil of God's marvelous love; and may you be able to feel and understand, as all God's children should, how long, how wide, how deep, and how high his love really is; and to experience this love for yourselves..."

Hebrews 13:21 CEV – "I pray that God will make you ready to obey him and that you will always be eager to do right. May Jesus help you do what pleases God. To Jesus Christ be glory forever and ever! Amen."

Romans 15:13 NLT – "I pray that God, the source of hope, will fill you completely with joy and peace because you trust in him."

Ephesians 1:17 GW – "I pray that the glorious Father, the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, would give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Christ better."

2 Thessalonians 3:5 CEV – "I pray that the Lord will guide you to be as loving as God and as patient as Christ."

Ephesians 3:16 NLT – "I pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit."

Romans 15:30-33, Acts 1:14, Acts 2:42, Acts 12:12,  
2 Chronicles 20:3-4, 2 Corinthians 1:11

Romans 15:5 MSG – "May our dependably steady and warmly personal God develop maturity in you so that you get along with each other as well as Jesus gets along with us all."

#### 3. By \_\_\_\_\_ our \_\_\_\_\_.

Ephesians 4:25 GW – "Speak the truth to each other, because we are all members of the same body."

#### Benefits of Honesty

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James 5:16 TLB – "Admit your faults to one another and pray for each other so that you may be healed."
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Proverbs 28:13 TLB – "A man who refuses to admit his mistakes can never be successful. But if he confesses and forsakes them, he gets another chance."  
Romans 8:28 GW – "We know that all things work together for the good of those who love God—those whom he has called according to his plan."
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James 4:10 NLT – "Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will lift you up in honor."  
1 Peter 5:5 NLT – "All of you, dress yourselves in humility as you relate to one another, for God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."
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1 John 1:7 TLB – "If we are living in the light of God's presence, just as Christ does, then we have wonderful fellowship and joy with each other..."  
Isaiah 29:15 NCV – "Those who try to hide things from the Lord and who do their work in darkness think no one will see them or know what they do."

#### 4. By \_\_\_\_\_ each other's \_\_\_\_\_.

1 Timothy 4:7-8 TLB – "Keep yourself in training for a godly life. Physical exercise has some value, but spiritual exercise is valuable in every way, because it promises life both for the present and for the future."

Romans 1:12 NCV – "I want us to help each other with the faith we have. Your faith will help me, and my faith will help you."

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