

## The Spiritual Discipline of Fellowship

<sup>4</sup> **There is one body and one Spirit, just as also you were called in one hope of your calling; <sup>5</sup> one Lord, one faith, one baptism, <sup>6</sup> one God and Father of all who is over all and through all and in all.** Ephesians 4:4-6 (NASB)

### I. Our responsibility to fellowship.

<sup>1</sup> **Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup> being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.** Ephesians 4:1-3 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> **God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.** 1 Corinthians 1:9 (NASB)

<sup>3</sup> **what we have seen and heard we proclaim to you also, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father, and with His Son Jesus Christ.** 1 John 1:3 (NASB)

<sup>23</sup> **Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; <sup>24</sup> and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.** Hebrews 10:23-25 (NASB)

### II. How to practice the discipline of fellowship.

Forbear with one another in love. Ephesians 4:2; Col. 3:13

Stimulate one another to do good deeds. Heb. 10:24

Encourage one another. 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13

Bear one another's burdens. Gal. 6:2

Speak to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs. Eph. 5:19

Be subject to one another. Eph. 5:21; 1 Peter 5:5

Greet one another with a holy kiss. Romans 16:16; 2 Corinthians 13:12

Admonish one another. Romans 15:14

Accept one another. Romans 15:7

Do not judge one another. Romans 14:13

Love one another. Romans 13:8; 1 Thess. 3:12

Serve one another. Gal. 5:13; 1 Peter 4:10

Be kind to one another. Eph. 4:32

Do not provoke or envy one another. Gal. 5:26

Forgive one another. Eph. 4:32; Col. 3:13  
Do not lie to one another. Col. 3:9  
Confront one another. 1 Thess. 4:18  
Do not speak against one another. James 4:11  
Do not complain against one another. James 5:9  
Comfort one another. 1 Thess. 4:18  
Edify one another. 1 Thess. 5:11  
Confess your sins one to another. James 5:9  
Pray for one another. James 5:16  
Be hospitable one to another. 1 Peter 4:9

III. We need each other.

**<sup>18</sup> But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired. <sup>19</sup> If they were all one member, where would the body be? <sup>20</sup> But now there are many members, but one body. <sup>21</sup> And the eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you"; or again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."**  
1 Corinthians 12:18-21 (NASB)

IV. What next?