

Ministry Goals and Roles-3 The Role of the Saints

1. All Christians have particular gifts with which to serve

Ephesians 4:16-

1 Peter 4:10-11-

1 Corinthians 12:12-21-

Romans 12:3-8-

*Gifts: serving, teaching, encouraging/exhorting, giving, leading, showing mercy, discernment, faith, shepherding, hospitality, evangelism, word of wisdom? word of knowledge? Some Christians include healings, prophecy, miracles, tongues, interpretation of tongues.

2. All Christians have general responsibilities for one another

-Our call to love:

~**love** one another (Jn 13:34)

~**abound in love** for one another (1 Thess 3:12)

~ **fervently love** one another from the heart (1 Peter 1:22)

~**keep fervent in your love** for one another (1 Pet 4:8)

~**be devoted** to one another **in brotherly love** (Rom 12:10)- love is practical

~**through love serve** one another (Gal 5:13)

-Our general disposition:

~clothe yourselves with **humility** toward one another (1 Pet 5:5)

~**be subject** to one another in the fear of Christ (Eph 5:21)

~regard one another as **more important** than yourself (Phil 2:3)

~**give preference** to one another in honor (Rom 12:10)

~be of the **same mind** toward one another (Rom 12:16)

~have the **same care** for one another (without division- 1 Cor 12:25)

~**bearing with** one another (Col 3:13)

~**be kind** to one another, **forgiving** each other (Eph 4:32)

~**wait for** one another (1 Cor 11:33)

-Our call to give emotional support and help

~**rejoice with** one another (Rom 12:15)

~**weep with** one another (Rom 12:15)

~**carry** one another's **burdens** (Gal 6:2)

~**build up** one another (1 Thess 5:11)

-Our call to grant Christian liberty of conscience- (assumes we know of the minor differences among us)

~let us **not judge** one another (Rom 14:13)

~pursue what makes for peace and **building up** one another (Rom 14:19)

~be of **the same mind** with one another according to Christ Jesus (Rom 15:5)

~**accept** one another (Rom 15:7)

-Our call to respond to inevitable offenses (assumes we are close enough to offend):

~**show forbearance** to one another in love (Eph 4:2)
~**bearing with** one another and forgiving each other (Col 3:13)
~**do not speak against** one another (James 4:11)
~**confess your sins** to one another (James 5:16)
~**live in peace** with one another (1 Thess 5:13)
~ restore (one overtaken in a fault) such a one...**bear one another's burdens** (Gal. 6:1-2)
~**See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another-** (1 Thess 5:15)

-Our call to minister with words:

~as members of one another, **speak truth** to each other (Eph 4:25)
~**do not lie** to one another (Col 3:9)
~**speaking** to one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Eph 5:19)
~**teaching and admonishing** one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs (Col 3:16)

~**encourage** one another (1 Thess 5:11, Heb 10:24)
~**encourage** one another day after day (Heb 3:13)
~**stimulate** one another **to love and good deeds** (Heb 10:24)
~**comfort** one another with these words (1 Thess 4:18)
~**admonish** one another (Rom 15:14)
~**admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak,, be patient with all men** (1 Thess 5:14)
~**confess sins** to one another (James 5:16)
~**pray** for one another (James 5:16)

-Our call to welcome one another:

~**greet** one another with a holy kiss (Rom 16:16)
~**be hospitable** to one another without complaint (1 Pet 4:9)

-Our call to use our gifts for one another:

~**employ it (your gift)** in serving one another (1 Pet 4:10)

3. All Christians are to be involved in evangelism

Matthew 28:18-20-

Matthew 5:13-16- *salt and light*

Acts 8:1-4- the non-Apostles went *evangelizing*

1 Corinthians 9:19-23, 10:31-33 cf. 11:1- *be imitators of me...*

Ephesians 6:4- parents

Philippians 1:5, 1:7, 1:19, 2:14-16, 2:25, 4:15-16-

Colossians 4:2-6-

1 Peter 2:9-12; 3:1-2; 3:15-16-

*A Plan to Equip the Saints:

Information-

Inspiration-

Instruction-

Intercession