Living like a Family in the Church
1 Thessalonians 5:25-28

Main Point:
We are all a family as believers in Christ; therefore, let us live like a family in the church.

1. As a church family, we all need to pray for one another.

2. As a church family, we all need to live in loving fellowship with one another.

3. As a church family, we all need to learn from the Word of God.

Cross-References and Quotations

Andrew Young "Greater maturity and experience should never become a bar to being ministered to by those newer in the faith. Elitism has no place in the church of the Lord Jesus."

Philippians 1:19 19 For I know that this will turn out for my deliverance through your prayer and the supply of the Spirit of Jesus Christ, (NKJV)

Andrew Young "Prayer is not peripheral to gospel ministry, and add-on to the larger tasks of preaching and counseling and evangelism. It forms the very heart of the work itself as God's appointed means of obtaining his necessary power."

Matthew Henry "Ministers stand in need of their people's prayers; and the more people pray for their ministers the more good ministers may have from God, and the more benefit people may receive by their ministry."

Romans 16:16 16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. The churches of Christ greet you. (NKJV)

John Lillie "Forms may change; but the same spirit of brotherly love, and cordial recognition …, should ever characterize those who know the love of a common Savior, and have thus entered into the communion of the saints."

Andrew Young "The Christian church … is not to be a collection of floating individuals, but a community of love bound together in its common faith by cords of sincere affection. And this is to find expression in warm greetings."

Richard Phillips "The forcefulness with which the apostle speaks tells us about both the nature of his ministry and the priority he placed on God's Word."