



# DIGGING DEEPER

Week 3: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15



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## SUNDAY RECAP

This past Sunday was the finale of our series, **Entrusted: Faithfully Stewarding the Gifts of God**. Before starting the discussion questions with your group, pray together and invite the Holy Spirit to be present with you.

**OPTIONAL ICEBREAKER:** What part of the Thanksgiving meal are you responsible for this year? What is your must-have Thanksgiving dish or dessert?

**READ KEY PASSAGE:** 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

## DISCUSS

1. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15. Why do you think generosity is such a powerful witness to proclaim the gospel? How does this passage encourage or challenge you?
2. The focus of Sunday's message was regarding stewarding our relationships. This small group is one example of how you are investing your time to be in community with one another. How has being part of this group been a blessing to you and to others?
3. The main idea of Sunday's message was this: **In Jesus, we are blessed to be a blessing**. How could this mindset change our approach to life and relationships?
4. Reflecting on this series as a whole, has your view of stewardship changed in any way? Share what you've learned or any impactful takeaways.

**PRAYER TIME:** Read through the 'one another' passages on the back. This is a picture of what it looks like to steward community and relationships well. Share requests and pray over one another, expressing gratitude for one another.

## UPCOMING EVENTS Learn more at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)

- **Deck the Halls** - 11/29 | 5-6:30p | Decorate and prep for Christmas season  
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- **Meet the Missionaries** - 11/29 (6:30-8p in Wells Chapel) Featuring Pasha's Violin Music & Special Guest from Asia
- **Christmas Kickoff** - 12/3 (10:30a United Service in Worship Center, followed by lunch & gingerbread house decorating) Get tickets online at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)
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- **Toy Drive** - 12/9 | 9a-12p | Guidelines and details at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)
- **Winter Guest House** - 1/1-1/7 | Volunteers Needed to Cook/Serve, Clean, Laundry, Spend the Night, Greet & More | Sign up at [fairoaks.church/events](http://fairoaks.church/events)



# THE “ONE ANOTHER” PASSAGES

The phrase “one another” is derived from the Greek word *allelon* which means “one another, each other; mutually, reciprocally.” It occurs 100 times in the New Testament. Approximately 59 of those occurrences are specific commands teaching us how (and how not) to relate to one another. Obedience to those commands is imperative. It forms the basis for all true Christian community, and has a direct impact on our witness to the world (John 13:35). In addition to *allelon*, the Bible uses other words and phrases to instruct us how to relate to others. With that in mind, the following list is not exhaustive, and primarily focuses on the use of *allelon*.

## POSITIVE COMMANDS

- Love** one another (John 13:34 - *This command occurs at least 16 times*)
- Be devoted to** one another (Romans 12:10)
- Honor** one another **above yourselves** (Romans 12:10)
- Live in harmony with** one another (Romans 12:16)
- Build up** one another (Romans 14:19; 1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Be likeminded towards** one another (Romans 15:5)
- Accept** one another (Romans 15:7)
- Admonish** one another (Romans 15:14; Colossians 3:16)
- Greet** one another (Romans 16:16)
- Care for** one another (1 Corinthians 12:25)
- Serve** one another (Galatians 5:13)
- Bear** one another's **burdens** (Galatians 6:2)
- Forgive** one another (Ephesians 4:2, 32; Colossians 3:13)
- Be patient with** one another (Ephesians 4:2; Colossians 3:13)
- Speak the truth** in love (Ephesians 4:15, 25)
- Be kind and compassionate to** one another (Ephesians 4:32)
- Speak** to one another **with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs** (Ephesians 5:19)
- Submit** to one another (Ephesians 5:21, 1 Peter 5:5)
- Consider** others **better than yourselves** (Philippians 2:3)
- Look to the interests of** one another (Philippians 2:4)
- Bear with** one another (Colossians 3:13)
- Teach** one another (Colossians 3:16)
- Comfort** one another (1 Thessalonians 4:18)
- Encourage** one another (1 Thessalonians 5:11)
- Exhort** one another (Hebrews 3:13)
- Stir up [provoke, stimulate]** one another **to love and good works** (Hebrews 10:24)
- Show hospitality** to one another (1 Peter 4:9)
- Employ the gifts that God has given us for the benefit of** one another (1 Peter 4:10)
- Clothe yourselves with humility towards** one another (1 Peter 5:5)
- Pray** for one another (James 5:16)
- Confess your faults** to one another (James 5:16)

## NEGATIVE COMMANDS (*how not to treat one another*)

- Do not lie** to one another (Colossians 3:9) **Stop passing judgment** on one another (Romans 14:13) **If you keep on biting and devouring** each other...**you'll be destroyed** by each other (Galatians 5:15)
- Let us **not become conceited, provoking and envying** each other (Galatians 5:26) **Do not slander** one another (James 4:11) **Don't grumble against** each other (James 5:9)

We do all this because we are in a real sense “**members of one another**” (Romans 12:5; Ephesians 4:25).

