

1. Commend Faithful Friends

[Romans 16:1-16](#)

[Philippians 2:7-8](#) “7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.”

Perhaps the deepest Christian fellowship and joy we can experience in this life is at the throne of grace, praying with and for one another.

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[1 Timothy 4:10](#) “10 For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.”

2. Guard Against Divisions

[Romans 16:17-20](#)

[1 Corinthians 8:9](#) “9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.”

The major weapon in Satan’s arsenal is deception.

John F. MacArthur

[1 Thessalonians 5:21-22](#) “21 But examine everything carefully; hold fast to that which is good; 22 abstain from every form of evil.”

[James 1:12](#) “12 Blessed is a man who perseveres under trial; for once he has been approved, he will receive the crown of life which the Lord has promised to those who love Him.”

Application:

1. What will be your response to righteous living?
 - a. Are you a faithful friend?
2. Are you a divider or Grower?