# The "Togethers" of Scripture

what God has commanded His people to do for and with one another

# THE TOGETHERS OF RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD

To relate to God in the richest possible way, we need each other.

# [1] WORSHIP GOD TOGETHER

God is especially delighted when His people praise Him together. Therefore, worship regularly with your friends. Ex 8:1: Ex 20:2, 11: Ps 100:4: \*\*In 4:23, 24\*\*: Pom 12:1: Heb 12:28 2

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# [2] SUBMIT TO GOD TOGETHER

*Let God have His way, come under His authority together.* 1 Sam 3:10-18; 2 Sam 15:25-26; Mark 14:35-36; John 13:8-9; \*\*Heb 12:7-11\*\*; \*\*James 4:7\*\*

# [3] TOGETHER BE LED BY JESUS CHRIST

God's will for our individual lives fits into the larger work of Jesus Christ through His church. Jesus as the Good Shepherd leads us together. Be committed to God's assignments for your Christian relationships. John 10:3-4; Heb 3:1; Heb 12:2-3; \*\*1 Peter 2:21\*\*; 1 Peter 3:15

# [4] COMMUNICATE WITH GOD TOGETHER

#### LISTEN THROUGH BIBLE STUDY TOGETHER.

Deut 6:6-7; 2 Kings 23:2-3; Ps 100:2-3; Acts 17:11; Acts 20:32; \*\*2 Tim 3:16-17\*\*

#### TALK TO GOD IN PRAYER TOGETHER.

1 Chron 5:20; 2 Chron 7:14; Matt 6:9-13; \*\*Matt 18:19\*\*; Mark 11:24; John 14:13-14; John 15:7-8; Acts 12:5-7; Heb 4:15-16; James 4:2-3; 1 Peter 3:12

# Show love together through obedience.

Luke 6:46; John 14:21; 1 John 3:24; \*\*1 John 5:3\*\*

# [5] SERVE GOD TOGETHER

God's work in the church and in society is too big for individuals. Seek to serve with your Christian friends, your spouse, and/or your family. \*\*Deut 6:13\*\*; Deut 11:13-15; Luke 4:8; Luke 16:13; 1 Cor 4:1; 1 Peter 2:16

# THE ATTITUDINAL TOGETHERS

We need each other's help in developing godliness.

#### [6] LOVE ONE ANOTHER

Deny yourself for the good of God and others. (AGAPE love means selfdenial for the good of others.)

\*\*John 13:34-35\*\*; John 15:12, 17; 1 Cor 13; 1 Peter 1:22-23; 1 John 4:7-21

# [7] BELONG TO ONE ANOTHER

We belong to Jesus Christ, and He gives us to one another. Embrace a lifestyle that shows "ownership" in the lives of those Christians close to you.

Joshua 7; \*\*Rom 12:5\*\*; 1 Cor 6:19-20

#### [8] BE DEVOTED TO ONE ANOTHER

Set yourself aside for other believers; commit yourself to believers; let no Christian be lonely, eliminate destructive competition. 1 Sam 19:1-5; John 15:12-13; \*\*Rom 12:10\*\*; 1 Cor 16:15; 2 Cor 7:12-13

# [9] ACCEPT ONE ANOTHER

Allow each Christian to be the person God created him or her to be. Become comfortable with differences in people. Have a high regard for everyone in the family of faith.

Matt 7:1-5; Matt 10:40-41; Mark 9:37; Rom 5:8; Rom 14:1-4; \*\*Rom 15:7\*\*

# [10] BEAR WITH ONE ANOTHER

*Put up with one another and be gracious, since we are all great sinners.* Rom 15:1; \*\*Eph 4:2\*\*; Col 3:13; Heb 13:1; James 5:9

# [11] FORGIVE ONE ANOTHER WITHOUT BEING ASKED

Do not be easily offended, don't hold grudges; forgive without requiring an apology. Be very ready to forgive, knowing that all people fall far short of God's glorious standard.

Matt 6:14-15; Matt 18:21-22; Luke 17:3-4; \*\*Luke 23:34\*\*; Eph 4:32; Col 3:13

# [12] SUBMIT TO ONE ANOTHER

*Give other people their way whenever possible; strive to find solutions where everyone's needs are met.* Luke 2:51; 1 Cor 16:15-16; \*\*Eph 5:21 \*\*; Heb 13:17; 1 Peter 5:5

#### [13] SERVE ONE ANOTHER

Have the attitude of a servant toward one another. Be motivated to serve others and let them serve you. Luke 22:26-27; 2 Cor 4:5; \*\*Gal 5:13\*\*; Phil 2:5-7

# THE TOGETHERS THAT HOLD TOGETHER

We need each other's help in staying together.

# [14] LIVE AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN, AS FOREIGN AMBASSADORS ON ASSIGNMENT.

Live as aliens on a mission to this ungodly planet. Have values, desires and ways of dealing with people that are radically different from those of the world.

Phil 3:20; Heb 11:13-16; \*\*1 Peter 1:17\*\*

#### [15] MEET TOGETHER REGULARLY

In order for God to do with us what He wants, be together often in various configurations, but always with love and encouragement for one another. Acts 2:46; Rom 16:5; \*\*Heb 10:25\*\*

#### [16] LIVE TOGETHER IN UNITY

Make your identity in Christ the central issue that holds you together. Control divisiveness. Ps 133:1; \*\*John 17:23\*\*; Rom 15:5-6; Eph 4:3-6

#### [17] LIVE TOGETHER IN PEACE

Solve problems without quarreling. Do not make an issue out of small things.

2 Cor 13:11; \*\*1 Thess 5:13\*\*: 2 Tim 2:23-24

#### [18] BE HUMBLE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Practice humility and eliminate sinful pride in your relationships. Consider others more important than yourself, even though everyone is equal in Christ.

Prov 18:12; Prov 22:4; Zeph 2:3; Matt 11:29; Matt 18:1-4; Luke 14:11; Luke 18:14; Rom 12:3-16; Eph 4:2; \*\*Phil 2:3-4\*\*; Phil 2:5-8; James 3:13; 1 Peter 5:5-7

# [19] LIVE TOGETHER IN HARMONY

Work harmoniously with other believers. Use your God-given abilities in your friendships, family, marriage, church or small group. Christianity is not an individual pursuit, but the dance of the Bride with all body parts in beautiful synchronization.

Rom 12:16; 1 Cor 12:4-25; \*\*1 Peter 3:8\*\*

#### [20] SHOW MERCY AND BE COMPASSIONATE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Care for one another deeply, loving sincerely from the heart. Be generous with mercy — unmerited and unconditional love. Luke 6:35-36; Eph 4:32; \*\*Col 3:12\*\*; 1 Thess 5:15

# [21] MEET ONE ANOTHER'S NEEDS

*Make sure one another's basic needs of food, clothing and shelter are met.* Rom 15:1-3; \*\*2 Cor 9:12\*\*; Phil 2:3-4; James 2:14-17; 1 John 3:17-18

# THE TOGETHERS THAT STRENGTHEN

We need each other in order to become stalwart.

# [22] BE HOSPITABLE WITH ONE ANOTHER

*Invite one another into your homes and activities. Show others they are special enough to be included.* Luke 14:12-14; Rom 12:13; Heb 13:2; \*\*1 Peter 4:9\*\*

# [23] TREAT ONE ANOTHER EQUALLY

Treat everyone equally with respect and dignity. God does not show favoritism.

1 Cor 12:25: 2 Cor 8:13-15; \*\*James 2:1-7\*\*

# [24] SHARE WITH ONE ANOTHER

Share your possessions with one another as needed. God works in this way to take care of all His children. Rom 12:13; 1 Tim 6:18-19; James 2:14-17; \*\*1 John 3:17-18\*\*

#### [25] ADMINISTER GOD'S GRACE TO ONE ANOTHER

Use your spiritual gifts for the good of the church. Show one another unmerited favor. Rom 12:6-8; 1 Cor 127; Heb 12:15; \*\*1 Peter 4:10\*\*

#### [26] SPEAK TO ONE ANOTHER TRUTHFULLY AND HELPFULLY Helpfully present the truth even when it is being avoided, but always with love and pure motive. Zech 8:16; \*\*Eph 4:15, 25, 29\*\*; Col 3:9-10

# [27] ENCOURAGE ONE ANOTHER

Place inside of one another the courage to tackle God's assignments. Remind each other that God has many ways of providing for success in the tasks He assigns. Rom 1:12; Phil:14; \*\*1 Thess 5:11\*\*; Heb 3:13; Heb 10:25

# [28] HONOR ONE ANOTHER

Celebrate one another's accomplishments. Rejoice that a victory for God has been achieved, recognizing His intimate involvement in attaining it. \*\*Rom 12:10\*\*; Rom 12:15; 1 Cor 12:26; 1 Cor 16:18

#### [29] COMMEND ONE ANOTHER

Publicly mention one another favorably, recommending one another to others who need help. Rom 16:1-2; 1 Cor 16:13-18; 2 Cor 6:3-10; 2 Cor 10: 12-18; \*\*2 Cor 12:11\*\*

### [30] SPUR ONE ANOTHER ON TO LOVE AND GOOD DEEDS

Motivate one another to do much good for Jesus Christ. Identify what needs to be done and get one another going.

Matt 25:31-46; Gal 6:10; 1 Tim 6:17-19; \*\*Heb 10:24\*\*; James 4:17

# THE TOGETHERS THAT HEAL

We need each other in order to heal from sin and hurt.

#### [31] HURT WITH ONE ANOTHER

Don't let anyone hurt alone! Support one another through life's most painful experiences. John 11:33; Rom 12:15; \*\*1 Cor 12:26\*\*; 2 Cor 1:7; Heb 13:3

# [32] COMFORT ONE ANOTHER

Soothe life's deep hurts. Until you have patiently and adequately comforted another, don't offer advice. \*\*2 Cor 1:3-5\*\*; 1 Thess 2:12

#### [33] CONFESS SINS TO ONE ANOTHER

*Tell each other your sins so healing can begin to take place. Confess only when a person or group has proven to be safe.* Acts 19:18-20; \*\*James 5:16\*\*

# [34] CARRY ONE ANOTHER'S BURDENS

Help pay the consequences of one another's sins. Lift the burden of past sin from one another's shoulders. Fully correct each other's mistakes. In this way, be very much like Jesus Christ, who paid the penalty. Ps 38:4; Luke 11:46; Gal 5:1; \*\*Gal 6:2\*\*

#### [35] RESTORE ONE ANOTHER IN THE FAITH

When doubts come, help one another regain trust in God and return to a life of faith.

2 Cor 2:5-11; Gal 6:1-2; 2 Thess 3:6, 14-15; \*\*Heb 3:12\*\*

# THE TOGETHERS OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

We need one another in order to grow in our faith.

#### [36] SEEK THE KINGDOM TOGETHER

Pursue the kingdom of heaven together, searching out every hidden corner of the realm. Find all that living in God's society has to offer. Pursue your birthrights as born-again citizens. \*\*Matt 6:33\*\*; Matt 11:12; Matt 12:25; Heb 12:28

#### [37] PURSUE HOLINESS AND PERFECTION TOGETHER

Aim to be holy as a friendship, counteracting each other's unrighteousness by means of the friendship's perfect obedience. \*\*Lev 19:1-2\*\*; Rom 12:1-2; 1 Cor 1:2; 2 Cor 13:11; Eph 1:4; Heb 12:14; 1 Peter 1:15; 2 Peter 3:11, 14

#### [38] EXAMINE ONE ANOTHER'S FAITH

*Evaluate one another's faith to identify areas of concern and need for spiritual growth or commitment. Seek this critique for yourself.* Mark 16:14; \*\*2 Cor 13:5\*\*; 1 Tim 4:16

#### [39] TEACH ONE ANOTHER

Pool your understanding of Scripture and check out one another's comprehension of the Bible. Teach one another for the sake of spiritual growth that progresses to joyful obedience. Prov 9:9-10; Col 1:28; \*\*Col 3:16\*\*

#### [40] COUNSEL ONE ANOTHER

With other Christians, provide advice to each other on how to handle life in general as well as the difficult situations God allows. \*\*Prov 15:22\*\*; Prov 20:18; Prov 27:9; Isa 41:28

#### [41] DISCIPLE ONE ANOTHER

Intentionally demonstrate the faith, soliciting others to exercise their faith similarly.

\*\*Matt 28:18-20\*\*; Phil 4:9; Titus 2:3-8; 1 Peter 5:3

#### [42] SEE THAT EACH ONE DOES HIS OR HER PART

Exhort and involve others for their part of the action in doing the will of God. Let no one disregard or slight the faith and lose heavenly reward. Help everyone see that he or she is needed. Rom 12:4-6; 1 Cor 3:5; 1 Cor 12:12-31; \*\*Eph 4:16\*\*

#### [43] FACE DISCIPLINE AND JUDGMENT TOGETHER

*Face God's displeasure and correction with your friends in the faith* — *not only your own correction, but theirs as well.* Prov 1:7; 1 Cor 11:31-32; \*\*Heb 12:7-11 \*\*; 1 Peter 4:17

# THE TOGETHERS OF INVOLVEMENT IN THE WORLD

We need each other in helping secular society.

#### [44] BE SALT TOGETHER IN A BLAND, TASTELESS WORLD

Make life better for those who do not believe. Go to secular society with God's demonstration of mercy. Alleviate human misery in God's power. \*\*Matt 5:13\*\*; Luke 6:35; John 17:18; Heb 13:13-16; 1 Peter 2:12

#### [45] BE WISE AND WIN THE RESPECT OF OUTSIDERS

Use God's wisdom in dealing with nonbelievers. Work together with other Christians to solve confusing situations involving non-Christians. In doing so, God's name will be glorified. Prov 2:6; Matt 5:16; \*\*Col 4:5\*\*; 1 Thess 4:12; 1 Tim 3:7

# THE TOGETHERS OF EVANGELISM

We need each other in proclaiming the Gospel.

#### [46] UPHOLD THE GOSPEL MESSENGERS IN JOINT PRAYER Support missionaries worldwide by prayer together. Before the throne of

grace, seek their success, financial support, health, safety and perseverance. Eph 6:19-20; Col 4:3-4; \*\*2 Thess 3:1-2\*\*

#### [47] PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL AND BE LIGHT TO THE WORLD TOGETHER

Together show your community of friends, relatives and neighbors how you love one another supernaturally because of Jesus Christ, the true Light of the world. Be able to clearly present from the Bible God's plan for the salvation of men and women.

\*\*Matt 5:14-16\*\*; Acts 1:8; Col 4:5-6; Philemon 6; Heb 13:15; 1 Peter 3:15-16; 1 John 1:1-4

# THE TOGETHERS OF BATTLE

We need one another in fighting many manifestations of evil.

#### [48] CONTEND FOR THE FAITH TOGETHER

Take a stand with your friends against the evil deceptions of Satan. Together test questionable ideas against sound doctrine. Check lifestyles against doctrine. Argue the faith with opponents. \*\*Phil 1:27-29\*\*; Phil 4:3; Jude:3

#### [49] ARM YOURSELVES

*Take up spiritual weapons together, making sure that the many offensive instruments of war are available. And put on the armor of God together.* Matt 16:18; Rom 13:12-14; 2 Cor 6:7; 2 Cor 10:3-5; \*\*Eph 6:10-18\*\*; 1 Peter 4:1

#### [50] WARN AND ADMONISH ONE ANOTHER

Watch each other for the evil one's attacks, especially from the blind side. Warn others of danger, even from themselves. Admonish one another toward diligent and stubborn resistance to evil. Acts 20:30-31; Col 1:28; \*\*Col 3:16\*\*; 1 Thess 5:12-14; 2 Thess 3:15;

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#### [51] BATTLE TEMPTATION TOGETHER

*Together, stand against and fight off temptations before they become sins.* Matt 6:13; Matt 26:40-41; \*\* 1 Cor 10:12-13\*\*; Gal 6:1; 1 Thess 3:5; 1 Tim 6:8-10; Heb 4:14-16

#### [52] STAND UP TO THE DEVIL AT ONE ANOTHER'S SIDE

Go against Satan with at least one other Christian by your side; the more soldiers you have, the merrier the rout.

Matt 6:13; Mark 6:7; Luke 22:31; Rom 16:20; 2 Cor 2:11; Eph 4:26-27; \*\*James 4:7\*\*; 1 Peter 5:8-9; 1 John 5:18-20; Rev 2:24-25

#### [53] TEST THE SPIRITS TOGETHER

Together test doctrines, revelations, spirits and ideologies with other Christians. Ferret out those thoughts and emotions that come from the dark angelic world.

2 Cor 11:3-4; 1 Tim 4:1-2; \*\*1 John 4:1-6\*\*; Jude:17-19

#### [54] TOGETHER HATE EVIL AND DEFEAT IT

Search for and destroy wickedness. Pursue battle at the gates of hell, not merely at the drawbridge of your own castle. Receive holy scars with honor.

Ps 97:10; Amos 5:15; \*\*Rom 12:9\*\*; 1 Peter 2:1

## [55] DIE FOR ONE ANOTHER

Lay your life on the line for other Christians. Risk reputation, financial security and anything necessary to help. Let go of the idols of safety, comfort and pleasure.

John 11:16; John 11:25-26; John 12:23-25; \*\*John 15:13\*\*; Rom 6:1-2; Rom 14:7-8; 2 Cor 5:15; Col 3:1-10

#### [56] RESCUE AND RESTORE ONE ANOTHER

Heal your wounded brothers and sisters in the Lord. Put them back on their feet and send them back into battle.

Prov 24:11; Rom 15:31; 1 Thess 5:14; \*\*James 5:19-20\*\*; 1 John 5:16; Jude :22-23

# THE TOGETHERS OF PERSEVERANCE

We need each other in order to endure to the end of this life.

# [57] PRAY FOR ONE ANOTHER

Constantly pray for one another's perseverance and constant steadfastness in the faith. 2 Cor 1:8-11; \*\*Eph 6:18\*\*; Col 4:12; James 5:16

# [58] RUN THE FULL RACE TOGETHER

Help one another through the entire race from second birth to death. Do all you can to ensure that everyone finishes as a victor in Christ. 2 Cor 8:11; Phil 3:12; Col 1:22-23; \*\*Heb 12:1-4\*\*

#### [59] PRESERVE ONE ANOTHER'S HOPE

Keep each other's hope high. When bad times threaten hope, reassure others of God's sovereignty, His steadfast love, His past deliverances and His wonderful plans for the future.

Isa 40:30-31; Rom 15:4; 2 Cor 3:12; Eph 4:4; Col 1:22-23; 1 Thess 1:3; 1 Tim 4:10; 1 Tim 6:17; Titus 2:11-14; Heb 3:6; \*\*Heb 10:23\*\*; 1 Peter 1:13

#### [60] FACE AND ENDURE HARDSHIP TOGETHER

Help one another with the difficulties of the Christian life. Troubles are to be expected, but they are much easier to face together. Rom 5:3-5; Phil 1:29; Heb 10:35-39; Heb 12:2-3; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9; \*\*1 Peter 4:12-19\*\*; 1 Peter 5:10-11

## [61] HOLD TO THE TRUTH TOGETHER

Practice truth together. With your closest Christian friends, keep trying out truth, stepping farther out than ever before to discover applied and proven truth.

Ex 20:1-17; Gal 2:14; Gal 5:7-9; Eph 6:14; \*\*2 Thess 2:15\*\*; 1 Tim 3:9; 1 Tim 4:16; 1 Tim 6:3-5; James 5:19-20; 2 Peter 2:2; 1 John 1:8-10; 1 John 2:20; 3 John :3

#### [62] LOOK OUT FOR ONE ANOTHER'S GOOD

Be on guard for other Christians. They do not always watch out for themselves and may get hurt by things like overworking or neglecting their own needs.

Gal 2:10; \*\*Gal 6:10\*\*; Titus 3:14; Heb 6:10; James 1:27; 1 Peter 4:19

#### [63] FORBID MISTREATMENT OF ONE ANOTHER

Allow no injustices within the church. Face unfairness and defeat it. Do not judge each other. Do not provoke anger.

\*\*Lev 19:1-18\*\*; Prov 31:8; 1 Cor 12:21-26; Gal 5:26; Eph 4:29-32; James 2:1-4; James 4:11-12

#### [64] KEEP ONE ANOTHER FROM THE LOVE OF MONEY

*Expose and deal a deathblow to the love of money when you find it in other Christians. It is a root of all kinds of evil.* Matt 6:19-24; Luke 12:15; 1 Tim 5:8; 1 Tim 6:10; \*\*Heb 13:5\*\*

#### [65] KEEP ONE ANOTHER FROM REVENGE

Prevent acts of revenge. Monitor the resolution of conflict and follow up to see that there are no leftover hard feelings.

Lev 19:18; 1 Sam 24:12; Matt 5:38-48; Rom 12:17-21; \*\*1 Thess 5:15\*\*; 1 Peter 3:9