

INTRODUCTION.

- A. Scripture text: **1Thessalonians 1:5-8**.
- B. The Sermon tonight is to present this new ministry and to encourage every member to be a part of it.

I. THE PROPOSAL.

- A. To encourage all members to do some kind of outreach.
- B. To visit and study with those interested in becoming Christians.
- C. To visit and encourage those who have not been regularly attending the worship services.
- D. To visit and encourage the widows, those shut-in, and those in the hospitals.

II. WHAT NOT TO DO.

- A. **Hate** one another.
(Mt. 24:10) "And at that time many will fall away and will deliver up one another and hate one another.
(Titus 3:3) For we also once were foolish ourselves, disobedient, deceived, enslaved to various lusts and pleasures, spending our life in malice and envy, hateful, hating one another.
- B. **Injure** one another.
(Ac. 7:26) "And on the following day he appeared to them as they were fighting together, and he tried to reconcile them in peace, saying, 'Men, you are brethren, why do you injure one another?'"
- C. **Judge** (condemn) one another.
(Rom. 14:13) Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather determine this-- not to put an obstacle or a stumbling block in a brother's way.
(Jas. 4:11) Do not speak against one another, brethren. He who speaks against a brother, or judges his brother, speaks against the law, and judges the law; but if you judge the law, you are not a doer of the law, but a judge of it.
- D. **Go to court** against one another.
(1Cor. 6:7) Actually, then, it is already a defeat for you, that you have lawsuits with one another. Why not rather be wronged? Why not rather be defrauded?
- E. **Bite and devour** one another.
(Gal. 5:15) But if you bite and devour one another, take care lest you be consumed by one another.
- F. Become **boastful, challenging** or **envying** of one another.
(Gal. 5:26) Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another.
- G. **Lie to** one another.
(Col. 3:9) Do not lie to one another, since you laid aside the old self with its evil practices,
- H. **Do not complain** against one another.
(Jas. 5:9) Do not complain, brethren, against one another, that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.

III. WHAT YOU CAN DO.

- A. **Accept** one another.
(Rom. 15:7) Wherefore, accept one another, just as Christ also accepted us to the glory of God.
- B. **Admonish** one another.
(Rom. 15:14) And concerning you, my brethren, I myself also am convinced that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge, and able also to admonish one another.
(Phil. 2:3) Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;
(Col. 3:16) Let the word of Christ richly dwell within you, with all wisdom teaching and admonishing one another with psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with thankfulness in your hearts to God.
(Eph. 4:2) with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing forbearance to one another in love,
- C. **Be at peace with** one another.
(Mk. 9:50) "Salt is good; but if the salt becomes unsalty, with what will you make it salty again? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

(Rom. 14:19) So then let us pursue the things which make for peace and the building up of one another.
(1Th. 5:13) and that you esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Live in peace with one another.

D. **Be of the same mind toward** one another.

(Rom. 12:10) Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

(Rom. 12:16) Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

(Rom. 15:5) Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus;

E. **Love** one another.

(Jn. 13:34-35) "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. **35** "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."

(Jn. 15:12) "This is My commandment, that you love one another, just as I have loved you.

(Jn. 15:17) "This I command you, that you love one another."

(1Th. 3:12) and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all men, just as we also do for you;

(2Th. 1:3) We ought always to give thanks to God for you, brethren, as is only fitting, because your faith is greatly enlarged, and the love of each one of you toward one another grows ever greater;

(1Pet. 4:8-10) Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

(Rom. 13:8) Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law.

(1Jn. 4:11-12) Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. **12** No one has beheld God at any time; if we love one another, God abides in us, and His love is perfected in us.

(2Jn. v5) And now I ask you, lady, not as writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another."

F. **Encourage** one another.

(1Th. 5:11) Therefore encourage one another, and build up one another, just as you also are doing.

(1Th. 5:15) See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all men.

(Heb. 3:13) But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is still called "Today," lest any one of you be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

(Heb. 10:24-25) and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, **25** not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near.

G. **Serve** one another.

(1Cor. 12:25) that there should be no division in the body, but that the members should have the same care for one another.

(Gal. 5:13) For you were called to freedom, brethren; only do not turn your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

(1Pet. 4:9-10) Be hospitable to one another without complaint. **10** As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.

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

(Eph. 4:32) And be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving each other, just as God in Christ also has forgiven you.

(Col. 3:13) bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

H. **Pray for** one another.

(Jas. 5:16) Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much.

CONCLUSION AND INVITATION.

- A. So many things to think about! Pick out 2 from each list.
- B. Try to work on two things to avoid, and two positive things to do.
- C. Begin your walk with the Lord by becoming a Christian.
- D. Plan of salvation for non-Xians; erring Xians.