



HEALTHY
CHURCH NEEDS
HEALTHY
RELATIONSHIPS



CHURCH IS A
COMMUNITY OF
PEOPLE WITH
CHRIST AS ITS
SHEPHERD

“Sheep go in
flocks, and so
do God’s
people”

Charles Spurgeon



WHY IS RELATIONAL HEALTH IMPORTANT?

John 13:34 **“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”**



1 Cor 13 (The Message)

- If I speak with human eloquence and angelic ecstasy but don't love, I'm nothing but the creaking of a rusty gate.
- ² If I speak God's Word with power, revealing all his mysteries and making everything plain as day, and if I have faith that says to a mountain, "Jump," and it jumps, but I don't love, I'm nothing.
- ³⁻⁷ If I give everything I own to the poor and even go to the stake to be burned as a martyr, but I don't love, I've gotten nowhere. So, no matter what I say, what I believe, and what I do, I'm bankrupt without love.

Healthy Relationships Cultivate a Healthy Church

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- You can implement the best time management strategies known to mankind. You can preach a masterful sermon or enthrall a room of preteens with a Biblical message. You can have a staff of extremely talented individuals who create the best worship sets, graphics, and social media engagement. *You can have or do all of these things and still have an unhealthy church if you don't have healthy relationships.*



“ONE ANOTHER” passages in the Bible

Occurs 100 times

59 specific
commands how to
or how not to relate
with one another.

- Eph 5: 1 Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
- ²¹ Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.



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- **Hupotasso**
- A Greek military term meaning "to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader". In non-military use, it was "a voluntary attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden". (The NAS New Testament Greek Lexicon)



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