

Real Christian Community Series—The Church as it Ought to Be

“Bear With One Another”

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Ephesians 4:1-3

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Introduction:

- A. Sometimes we find it hard to _____ with each other.
- B. Healthy relationships require _____ and a lot of _____.
- C. How many have seen the movie “The _____ of the _____”?

I. Bearing with others is part of living a life _____ of our calling.

- A. We are called to _____ and _____ all people - those we _____ and those we don't.

II. Bearing with others requires _____, gentleness and _____.

- A. In humility we remember that each of us are far from _____.
- B. It helps to be more patient with others when we try to understand _____ they are _____ from.

III. Bearing with others requires _____.

- A. Forgiveness is not a _____ - it is a _____.
- B. Forgiveness is very _____ and is impossible with _____.
- C. Forgiveness and _____ are not the same thing.
- D. Forgiveness is good not only for the _____, but also for the _____.

IV. Bearing with others preserves _____ among believers.

Conclusion: Practical Steps for Bearing with One Another

- A. We can take a good look at ourselves and make an _____ of our own weaknesses and idiosyncrasies.
- B. We can make a _____ of those with whom we have difficulty _____.
- C. We can _____ about the situation.
- D. We can make an effort to _____ appropriately toward the person.
- E. All of us are _____ and _____.

Answer Key: Intro.A. get, along. B. hard, work, grace. C. Fellowship, Ring. I. worthy. I.A. love, value, like. II. Humility, patience. II.A. perfect. II.B. where, coming. III. Forgiveness. III.A. feeling, decision. III.B. difficult, God's, power. III.C. reconciliation. III.D. offender, offended. IV. Unity. Concl.A. honest, list. B. list, relating. C. pray. D. act. E. huggable, buggable.