

ONE ANOTHER

“Putting Others First”

I learn to put others first when...

1. I choose to _____ other believers

Romans 15:5-7

Historically Christians have violated this injunction in two ways,
by _____ others inappropriately and showing
_____ or _____.

2. I choose to _____ other believers

Ephesians 4:2 (NIV) *“Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love.”*

How easy it is to _____ more out of other Christians than
we _____ out of ourselves.

Rich McKinley: “We are called to be humble because, before God, that guy who bugs you is on the same plane you are. You both needed Christ to die for you. Jesus doesn’t see you as a peer and the other guy as a loser.”

3. I choose to be _____ to other believers

Romans 12:19 (NIV) *“Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.”*

Two analogies of the functioning church: _____ of Christ and
the _____ of Christ

These “one another” instructions don’t just happen by
_____ in our lives. We have to _____ to
live them out.

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