

**INTRODUCTION: A SERIES OF EXHORTATIONS** (Gal.5:22f; Phil.4:8f; 2Pt.1:5f ; point: 1Cor.11:1)

**A. BE TRUE BRETHERN** (1-31 & 32-43)

1. *same confession* (20,22; Mt.18:16; Gal.2:6f; see Acts 2:22f & 13:30f)
2. *independent witnesses* (19f & 32f; see 1Cor.15:1f,5,8f; Gal.1:11f; 2:1f)
3. *distinct spheres* (Gal.2:7; see Acts c.1-7 & 8,9 then c.9b-12 & 13-28)
4. *confrontation* (Gal.2:11f; see Mt.18:15f; Prov.27:6)
5. *mutual respect* (Gal.2:2f,9; 2Pt.3:15)
6. *summary: mutuality in commonality* (see 1Cor.12:13,4f; Eph.4:15,16)

**B. SPEND TIME WITH EACH OTHER** (19b,26f; 43(Rom.12:16); see 2:42-47)

**C. AMAZE YOUR FRIENDS** (21; see Phil.1:25; 1Tm.4:15; 2Pt.3:17f; see Col.3:5-17)

**D. SAY WHAT KNOW; LEARN TO SAY MORE BETTER** (20,22 /Jn3:11; 1Pt3:15; Heb5:12f /2C5:21; Eph2:1-10)

**E. PROCLAIM & PROVE** (20,22; 29; see 2:14f; 13:16f; 17:2f,17,22f; 2Cor.10:4)

**F. ASK FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR BOLD EVANGELISM** (27; see 4:13,29-31; Lk.11:13; Eph.6:19,20)

**G. LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR** (26f; see 4:36f; see Lk.6:27-36; Tt.2:14; 3:14)

**H. LISTEN TO YOUR FRIENDS** (25f,30; yet 21:12; see Mt.18:15f; 1Th.5:11; Heb.3:13; 10:23f)

**I. LOOK FORWARD TO GOD'S BLESSING ON US** (31; see 5:41; 1Pt.4:12f; see Mt.5:3f(Ps.42:5,11; 43:5))

**J. REACH OUT WIDELY** (32,31; 1:8; Mt.28:18f)

**K. SERVE**

1. *who you find & who finds you* (33f & 38f)
2. *with the gifts God gives you* (34 /3:6; Rm12:3f; 1C12:4f; Eph4:7f /2C8:12 /miracles, 1C12:10,28f; Heb.4:2; Eph2:20)
3. *in the Name of Jesus* (34,40; see Col.3:17)
4. *so that others would see for their salvation and the glory of God* (41; 42,35; see Mt.5:16/6:1f)
5. *expect that God will use your service to bring people to faith* (35,42; see Mt.28:18-20)

**L. REMEMBER THE POOR** (36,39; 10:2,4 ; 24:17 /Gal.2:10; Eph2:10; Tt2:14; 3:14; Jms1:27; Dt24:19f; 27:19; Ps10:14,18; 146:9)

**M. PRAY FOR GRACE TO HELP** (40; see Jms.5:16f; Heb.4:16)

**CONCLUSION: FOLLOW THEIR EXAMPLES!** (9:19f ,27f & 32f /1C11:1; Phil.3:17; 4:9; thus 1Th1:6f; 1Tm4:12; Tt2:7)

Discussion questions:

Brethren, what shall we do? (see Acts 2:37f)