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1. Don't attack one another v. 38-40

What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? James 4.1

Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

Ephesians 4.31-32

2. Don't rank one another v. 41

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. Galatians 3.28

3. The Strong help the weak v. 42

4. Do your job v. 43-48

5. Allow suffering and trials to unite us v. 49-50

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