

Descriptions of Christ's Church

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)

I am the vine; you are the branches.

Whoever abides in me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from me you can do nothing.

John 15:9 (ESV)

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Built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, 21 in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

Ephesians 2:20-21 (ESV)

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12 (ESV)

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So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God. 1 Peter 2:19 (ESV)

Do not rebuke an older man but encourage him as you would a father, younger men as brothers, 2 older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, in all purity. 1 Timothy 5:1-2 (ESV)

Preserving the Relationship When Addressing a Problem

- Confront with gentleness

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Rebuke – A harsh, violent (verbal) rebuke

Encourage – To appeal, to come along side and strengthen, related to the word used to describe the Holy Spirit.

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Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted.

Galatians 6:1 (ESV)

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– Older man...as you would a father...

“You shall stand up before the gray head and honor the face of an old man, and you shall fear your God: I am the Lord.

Leviticus 19:32 (ESV)



Therefore, O king, let my counsel be acceptable to you: break off your sins by practicing righteousness, and your iniquities by showing mercy to the oppressed, that there may perhaps be a lengthening of your prosperity.”

Daniel 4:27 (ESV)

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– *Younger men as brothers...*

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. 10 Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Romans 12:9-10 (ESV)

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- *Older women as mothers...*

I entreat Euodia and I entreat Syntyche to agree in the Lord. 3 Yes, I ask you also, true companion, help these women, who have labored side by side with me in the gospel together with Clement and the rest of my fellow workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Philippians 4:2-3 (ESV)

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– *Younger women as sisters, in all purity.*

Do not desire her beauty in your heart, and do not let her capture you with her eyelashes.

Proverbs 6:25 (ESV)

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 (ESV)

For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality; 4 that each one of you know how to control his own body in holiness and honor, 5 not in the passion of lust like the Gentiles who do not know God;

1 Thessalonians 4:3-7 (ESV)

6 that no one transgress and wrong his brother in this matter, because the Lord is an avenger in all these things, as we told you beforehand and solemnly warned you. 7 For God has not called us for impurity, but in holiness.



As a family

We are safest and healthiest

When there is godly accountability