

*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.