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Lesson 7 • Taken from a Study by Gene Getz

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- A healthy church family is a body of believers who are:
 - Accepting of One Another
 - Admonishing One Another
 - Serving One Another**
- The Context
 - The theme of Galatians is justification by _____ ... a similar theme to the book of Romans.
 - Evidence of this theme is in the use of the word _____ (ελευθερια) in the letter, e.g. 2:4 & 5:1.
 - The Galatian believers had been called by _____ to salvation to live a life of _____ in Christ not further _____ to the requirements of the Law. (See 5:1)
 - We are free to fulfill the _____ through the **Spirit**, not our own meager pool of _____ attributes!

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What are the blessings that flow from this freedom we have in Christ? What are some ways it can be perverted?
 - Freedom in Christ (freedom from performing spiritual tasks for the promise of eternal life) has its risks, though: Paul calls that risk an _____ for the _____.
 - The opposite of serving the _____ is serving _____ through _____.

- The Alternative
 - There are two primary words in the NT that are translated _____: δουλεύω (meaning to _____ or to _____) & διακονέω (meaning to _____).
 - In this verse the word is “_____”!
 - The _____ nature of the flesh is contrasted with the _____ of the Spirit-led believer.

What images does the phrase “serve one another” conjure up?
 - “Serving one another” in the local church is flavored by _____: this is the “glue” that holds the family together!

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Ephesians 4:2, 4:15, 5:2
Colossians 3:14
2 Timothy 2:22

“The only bondage in God’s creation that is tolerable is the bondage of love.” (Beecher, The Essence of Religion, pg. 65)
 - “Serving one another” is the most explicit way a church family shows they are _____ to one another.
- How should we do it at CLBC?
 - _____ should be involved!
 - The consistent exercise of our _____ is essential to our service to one another. (See 1 Peter 4:10-11)
 - *“We will treat one another with _____ and _____. We will do what is right in our _____. We will be _____ to one another according to the guidelines of Scripture. We will treat each other with _____ and exercise _____ so that we don’t use people for our own _____ ends.” (Getz, Building Up One Another, pg. 115)*

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