

Receive One Another

"And if you greet only your brothers, what more are you doing than others? Do not even the Gentiles do the same?" Matthew 5:47 (English Standard Version)

James 2:8,9 - Can we be _____ with our fellowship?

The Challenges Of Reentering Society

- A. "Prison" in Latin is _____. In America, being placed in prison is the _____ we administer for crime.
- B. Challenges faced by those reentering society:
1. _____ relationships: Family and friends may have _____ or broken off all contact (with good reason?).
 2. _____ relationships: Some whose _____ is bad are all too _____ to reconnect.
 3. _____ opportunities for _____. One study found that only _____% of employers would consider hiring an ex-convict.
 4. Social _____ make it hard to feel accepted.
 5. For these and other reasons, recidivism is nationally around _____% (in Tennessee it's _____%). "_____ doors".
- C. But faith-based instruction helps _____ the rate of recidivism.

When Christians Truly Receive One Another

- A. Acts 9:26-28; 11:25,26 - _____ knew how hard it could be to be _____ by Christians who were _____ of him.
- B. Christians are to receive one another:
1. Romans 15:1-7 - The _____ are to bear with the _____ of the _____, for this is what _____ did for us. We are to _____ one another as Christ did us.
 2. Galatians 6:1,2 - Those who are _____ are called to _____ the one caught in any _____.
 3. Matthew 5:46,47 - Are we any _____ from the world if we _____ only our brothers?
 4. Hebrews 13:1-3 - We must not _____ to show _____ to strangers; they may be _____!
- C. One prisoner wrote to _____ churches asking about their ministries when he was released. _____ responded to him.

The goal of NewLife Behavior Ministries (our ministry) is to _____ individuals to _____, their _____ and _____.

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