

THREE THINGS SAINTS CAN DO

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Let's briefly examine some things we can do "**together**" as saints.

Pray Together- One Desire. "Now Peter and John went up together to the temple at the hour of prayer, the ninth hour." {Acts 3:1} We are told that the disciples in the early church continued in the "apostle's doctrine and prayer." {Acts 2:42} Praying together brings us closer to one another spiritually. We should pray that we will all be united in love for one another, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." {John 13:34,35}.

Work Together-for One Master. "We then, as workers together with Him also plead with you not to receive the grace of God in vain." {2 Corinthians 6:1} In chapters 12 through 14 of 1 Corinthians, Paul instructed the Christians in Corinth how the spiritual gifts existing at that time, no matter what they might be, benefited the whole body. Just as all parts of the human body work together to enable the body to function, all parts of Christ's body work together to make that body function effectively. "From whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love." {Ephesians 4:16} Working together is key to the success of the body.

Strive Together-One Aim. "Only let your conduct be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of your affairs, that you stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel." {Philippians 1:27} When all Christians within a local body "strive together," they have a united focus and purpose. We are God's hands, and we have important work to accomplish. Can this work be successful if we are not united in what we seek to achieve? God's people all have the same goal-pleasing Him and bringing the lost to Christ's cross, where there is redemption. How wonderful it is when all members of the body are on the same page {Psalm 133:1}. Dear reader, are you helping the body work together to achieve success, or hindering it by your failure to "work together" with your brethren? ***