

Part 11: Wisdom in “Iron Sharpens Iron” (Proverbs 27:17)

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Principle of _____

Hebrews 10:24-25 *And let us consider how we may spur **one another** on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging **one another**—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

Principle of _____

- I am a tool to be used as an _____ by God.
- I am a tool with a _____ for God.
- I am a tool that needs _____.
- I am one tool that is needed by _____.
- I am a tool created by the _____.

Jeremiah 18:1-6 *This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² “Go down to the potter’s house, and there I will give you my message.” ³ So I went down to the potter’s house, and I saw him working at the wheel. ⁴ But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him. ⁵ Then the word of the LORD came to me. ⁶ He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel.”*

Ephesians 2:10 *For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

Principle of a _____

John 13:34-35 *“A new command I give you: Love **one another**. As I have loved you, so you must love **one another**. By this **everyone will know that you are my disciples**, if you love **one another**.”*

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Digging Deeper With Your Group and On Your Own

In our study today, we made three major points. Look at them again. As a follow-up, look carefully at the verses below. Talk through the ways these verses give insight into and help us fulfill one or more of the principles laid out in our teaching time:

- **Romans 12:10**

*Be devoted to **one another** in love. Honor **one another** above yourselves.*

(Read Romans 12:9-13)

- **Ephesians 4:32**

*Be kind and compassionate to **one another**, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

(Read all of Ephesians 4:32)

- **Ephesians 5:19**

*...speaking to **one another** with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord.*

(Read Ephesians 5:15-21)

- **1 John 3:23**

*And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love **one another** as he commanded us.*

(Read 1 John 3:11-24)

- **Hebrews 10:24-25**

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(Read Hebrews 10:19-25)

— Highlight and examine the three **“let us”** statements in vs. 20, 23 & 24. What are we instructed to do in each? How does this help us as we contribute to and build up one another?

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CHALLENGE QUESTIONS

- What are the **“tools”** that you feel God has gifted you with? Are you being used?
- How have others in your Christian community **“sharpened”** you to be a greater tool for God? Share these experiences with the group.
- What are some ways that you can **contribute to someone else** in this Family of Faith? Share your thoughts with the group.

Next Sunday: **Proverbs 30:5-6—we are sharpened by the WORD OF GOD!**