**Titus 1:5-9**

(Note: an elder is a leader in the church.)

**5**I left you in Crete so that you could finish doing what still needed to be done. And I also left you there so that you could choose men to be elders in every town. **6**To be an elder, a man must not be guilty of living in a wrong way. He must be faithful to his wife, and his children must be faithful to God. They must not be known as children who are wild or don’t obey. **7**An elder has the job of taking care of God’s work. So people should not be able to say that he lives in a wrong way. He must not be someone who is proud and selfish or who gets angry quickly. He must not drink too much, and he must not be someone who likes to fight. He must not be a man who will do almost anything for money. **8**An elder must be ready to help people by welcoming them into his home. He must love what is good. He must be wise. He must live right. He must be devoted to God and pleasing to him. And he must be able to control himself. **9**An elder must be faithful to the same true message we teach. Then he will be able to encourage others with teaching that is true and right. And he will be able to show those who are against this teaching that they are wrong.

**Ephesians 5:19-20**

**19**Encourage each other with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your hearts to the Lord. **20**Always give thanks to God the Father for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Hebrews 10:24-25**

**24**We should think about each other to see how we can encourage each other to show love and do good works. **25**We must not quit meeting together, as some are doing. No, we need to keep on encouraging each other. This becomes more and more important as you see the Day getting closer.

**Matthew 18:20**

**‘**For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them.’

**1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

**23**The teaching I gave you is the same that I received from the Lord: On the night when the Lord Jesus was handed over to be killed, he took bread **24**and gave thanks for it. Then he divided the bread and said, “This is my body; it is for you. Eat this to remember me.” **25**In the same way, after they ate, Jesus took the cup of wine. He said, “This cup represents the new agreement from God, which begins with my blood sacrifice. When you drink this, do it to remember me.” **26**This means that every time you eat this bread and drink this cup, you are telling others about the Lord’s death until he comes again.

**1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 21, 27**

**12**A person has only one body, but it has many parts. Yes, there are many parts, but all those parts are still just one body. Christ is like that too. **13**Some of us are Jews and some of us are not; some of us are slaves and some of us are free. But we were all baptized to become one body through one Spirit. And we were all given the one Spirit.

**14**And a person’s body has more than one part. It has many parts…. **21**The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the foot, “I don’t need you!”…

**27**All of you together are the body of Christ. Each one of you is a part of that body.

1 Corinthians 11

1 Corinthians 12

Titus 1

Ephesians 5

Hebrews 10