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Purpose Driven Life*

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You Can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor.”

James 3:18 (MSG)

They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers.

Acts 2:42 (MSG)

“You are joined together with the peace through the Spirit, so make every effort to continue together in this way.”

Ephesians 4:3 (NCV)

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Paul wrote, “I am writing these things to you...[so] you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church.”

1 Timothy 3:14-15 (NCV)

And the seed whose fruit is righteousness is sown in peace by those who make peace.

James 3:18

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:42

being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

Ephesians 4:3

I am writing these things to you, hoping to come to you before long; but in case I am delayed, I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth.

1 Timothy 3:14-15

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The Bible tells us to *“speak the truth in love”*

Ephesians 4:15 (translation not cited)

Solomon said, *“An honest answer is a sign of true friendship.”*

Proverbs 24:26 (TEV)

Paul said, *“Brothers and sisters, if someone in your group does something wrong, you who are spiritual should go to that person and gently help make him right again.”*

Galatians 6:1-2 (NCV)

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“No more lies, no more pretense. Tell your neighbor the truth. In Christ’s body we’re all connected to each other, after all. When you lie to others, you end up lying to yourself.”

Ephesians 4:25 (MSG)

The Bible says, *“In the end, people appreciate frankness more than flattery.”*

Proverbs 28:23 (NLT)

but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ,

Ephesians 4:15

He kisses the lips Who gives a right answer.

Proverbs 24:26

Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. ² Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:1-2

Therefore, laying aside falsehood, SPEAK TRUTH EACH ONE of you WITH HIS NEIGHBOR, for we are members of one another.

Ephesians 4:25

He who rebukes a man will afterward find more favor Than he who flatters with the tongue.

Proverbs 28:23

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“Never use harsh words when you correct an older man, but talk to him as if he were your father. Talk to younger men as if they were your brothers, older women as if they were your mothers, and younger women as if they were your sisters.”

1 Timothy 5:1-2 (GWT)

Do not sharply rebuke an older man, but rather appeal to him as a father, to the younger men as brothers, ² the older women as mothers, and the younger women as sisters, in all purity.

1 Timothy 5:1-2

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“You must not simply look the other way and hope it goes away on its own. Bring it out in the open and deal with it.... Better devastation and embarrassment than damnation.... You pass it off as a small thing, but it’s anything but that.... you shouldn’t act as if everything is just fine when one of your Christian companions is promiscuous or crooked, is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory. You can’t just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. I’m not responsible for what the outsiders do, but don’t we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers?”

1 Corinthians 5:3-12 (MSG)

For I, on my part, though absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged him who has so committed this, as though I were present. 4 In the name of our Lord Jesus, when you are assembled, and I with you in spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus, 5 I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus. 6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump of dough?

Clean out the old leaven so that you may be a new lump, just as you are in fact unleavened. For Christ our Passover also has been sacrificed. 8 Therefore let us celebrate the feast, not with old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. 9 I wrote you in my letter not to associate with immoral people; 10 I did not at all mean with the immoral people of this world, or with the covetous and swindlers, or with idolaters, for then you would have to go out of the world. 11 But actually, I wrote to you not to associate with any so-called brother if he is an immoral person, or covetous, or an idolater, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or a swindler - not even to eat with such a one. 12

For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Do you not judge those who are within the church?

1 Corinthians 5:3-12

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That's why the Bible says, "*Clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.*"

1 Peter 5:5b

The rest of that verse says "...because, God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble."

1 Peter 5:5c (NIV)

Paul advised, "*Live in harmony with each other. Don't try to act important, but enjoy the company of ordinary people. And don't think you know it all!*"

Romans 12:16 (NLT)

"*Give more honor to others than to yourselves. Do not be interested only in your own life, but be interested in the lives of others.*"

Philippians 2:3-4 (NCV)

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The Bible says, "*We must bear the 'burden' of being considerate of the doubts and fears of others.*"

Romans 15:2 (LB)

Paul told Titus, "*God's people should be bighearted and courteous.*"

Titus 3:2 (MSG)

You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for GOD IS OPPOSED TO THE PROUD, BUT GIVES GRACE TO THE HUMBLE.

1 Peter 5:5

Be of the same mind toward one another; do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.

Romans 12:16

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.

Philippians 2:3-4

Each of us is to please his neighbor for his good, to his edification.

Romans 15:2

to malign no one, to be peaceable, gentle, showing every consideration for all men.

Titus 3:2

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“Be devoted to each other like a loving family. Excel in showing respect for each other.”

Romans 12:10 (GWT)

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God says, *“Gossip is spread by wicked people; they stir up trouble and break up friendships.”*

Proverbs 16:28 (TEV)

The Bible tells us, *“Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another.”*

Hebrews 10:25 (TEV)

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“They worshipped together regularly at the Temple each day, met in small groups in homes for Communion, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness.”

Acts 2:46 (LB)

Verse to Remember:

“We understand what love is when we realize that Christ gave his life for us. That means we must give our lives for other believers.”

1 John 3:16 (GWT)

Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

Romans 12:10

A perverse man spreads strife, And a slanderer separates intimate friends.

Proverbs 16:28

not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:25

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Acts 2:46

We know love by this, that He laid down His life for us; and we ought to lay down our lives for the brethren.

1 John 3:16