



Made for Relationship

Better Together

September 27 & 28, 2025

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10 Characteristics that Make us Better Together:

- We are dedicated to teaching the _____.
- We are engaged in intentional _____.
- We are faithful to sharing _____ together.
- We are powered by _____.
- We are sacrificially _____ with everything we have.
- We are bonded in _____.
- We are defined by _____ and _____.
- We are multiplying through _____.
- We are reflecting a faithful _____ to the unbelievers.
- We are devoted to _____ God.

What I must do to ensure we are better together:

1 I must be a constant _____ to others.

1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.

Romans 12:9-10 (GNT)

Love must be completely sincere. Hate what is evil, hold on to what is good. Love one another warmly as Christians, and be eager to show respect for one another.

Remember and Rehearse:

When I take time to encourage someone, I am not just making them feel good – I'm helping them see themselves the way

_____ sees them.

2

I must _____ others by serving with them.

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Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening.

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I am stronger when I _____ with others because I don't just carry my own burdens but I help carry yours while you help carry mine.

3

I must _____ others up until we all live what we believe.

Ephesians 4:11-16 (TPT)

And he has appointed some with grace to be apostles, and some with grace to be prophets, and some with grace to be evangelists, and some with grace to be pastors, and some with grace to be teachers. And their calling is to nurture and prepare all the holy believers to do their own works of ministry, and as they do this they will enlarge and build up the body of Christ. These grace ministries will function until we all attain oneness into the faith, until we all experience the fullness of what it means to know the Son of God, and finally we become one into a perfect man with the full dimensions of spiritual maturity and fully developed into the abundance of Christ. And then our immaturity will end! And we will not be easily shaken by trouble, nor led astray by novel teachings or by the false doctrines of deceivers who teach clever lies. But instead we will remain strong and always sincere in our love as we express the truth. All our direction and ministries will flow from Christ and lead us deeper into him, the anointed Head of his body, the church. For his "body" has been formed in his image and is closely joined together and constantly connected as one. And every member has been given divine gifts to contribute to the growth of all; and as these gifts operate effectively throughout the whole body, we are built up and made perfect in love.

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Remember and Rehearse:

When I build others up, I become stronger and life becomes

_____.



I must _____ in others with everything I've been given.

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Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?" The King will reply, "Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."

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For I can verify that they spontaneously gave, not only according to their means but far beyond what they could afford. They actually begged us for the privilege of sharing in this ministry of giving to God's holy people who are living in poverty.

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"Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

Remember and Rehearse:

When I am _____ giving through my church, I'm impacting everyone; multiplying the impact beyond measure.



I must remember _____ are only better with Jesus living in and through _____.

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