

*“Be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord...” - 1 Cor 15:58*

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## **“Building Community”**

When a person obeys the gospel by being baptized into Christ, then God adds them to His church (*Acts 2:41-47*). This church is a community of believers. As a church of Christ, we are to have common interests & characteristics. We share a love for God, our brethren, the lost, & our own souls. We are interested in worshiping God, studying God's word, having fellowship with brethren of like precious faith, & engaging in the work of evangelism. Nevertheless, the question was, “How do we build upon this?” We build this community through communion, communication, & commitment.

Communion is the fellowship we are to have with one another. Building community demands that brethren in need communicate their need, so they do not rob their brethren of the opportunity to be blessed (*Acts 20:35 & Romans 15:27*). Building community demands that we work diligently to support gospel preachers. The church is stronger when men sacrifice possessions, stability, & financial affluence in order to preach, study, & evangelized as their life's work. This is a burden, but it is eased when his allegiance is not divided with secular work (*1 Corinthians 9:12-14 & Galatians 6:6*).

Communication is the teamwork we are to have with one another. T.E.A.M = Together Everyone Achieves More (*Proverbs 27:17, Nehemiah 4:6, Ecclesiastes 4:9-12, & 1 Corinthians 3:6-9*).

We are a talented group of Christians. If we selfishly decide not to worship together through talking, meeting, planning, organizing, agreeing, & carrying out the plan, then we will survive as a church, but not thrive as a congregation. We will not be productive, although active. Where does God get the glory in disunity?

Commitment is our dedication to Christ, His work, & each other (*Acts 14:21-23*). Are we committed to evangelism, baptizing the lost, reinforcing biblical principles, edification, sacrifice, remaining scripturally organized, & drawing nearer to God? Building community demands that we are committed to all these things by answering to Christ alone & holding one another accountable when non-performance is displayed.

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