A-TYPICAL

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Loving Christian Community

Now about brotherly love, we don't need to write to you – for you, yourselves have been taught by God to love each other. And in fact, you do love all the brothers throughout Macedonia. Yet we urge you, brothers, to do so more and more.

1 Thessalonians 4:9-10

"brotherly love" - Greek *"philedelphos"*

The Building Blocks of Loving Christian Community:

1. TIME

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Hebrews 10:25

Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts.

Acts 2:46

2. AUTHENTICITY

Love must be sincere.

Romans 12:9

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. If we claim to be without sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

1 John 1:7-8

3. COMMITMENT

Let us consider how we can spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

Hebrews 10:24

"spur" - Greek *"paroxusmov"*

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

Romans 12:10

4. ENCOURAGEMENT

But encourage one another daily, as long as it is called Today, so that none of you may be hardened by sin's deceitfulness.

Hebrews 3:13

Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen.

Ephesians 4:29

...encourage the timid, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

1 Thessalonians 5:14

5. COURTESY

...to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

Titus 3:2

...show courtesy toward all people.

Titus 3:2 - ESV

Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.

Galatians 6:10

Accept him whose faith is weak, without passing judgment on disputable matters.

Romans 14:1

He who answers before listening - that is his folly and his shame.

Proverbs 18:13

Answering before listening is both stupid and rude.

Proverbs 18:13 (Message Paraphrase)

My dear brothers, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry.

James 1:19

The Building Blocks of Loving Christian Community:

Time, Authenticity, Commitment, Encouragement and Courtesy