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**1. Truly Love and Serve  
Each Other - No Anonymity  
(But You Gotta Be Here!)  
(*Acts 2:42-47*)**

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**Acts 2:42** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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**43 And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.**

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**44 And all who believed were together and had all things in common.**

**45 And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.**

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**<sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,**

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**47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.**

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**2. Be a Vibrant Community of Faith That Celebrates Jesus and the Good Things He Does in Our Lives**

***(Ephesians 3:20-21)***



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**Eph. 3:20 Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us,**

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**21 to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.**

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**3. Resist the Urge to  
Always Be Offended  
(*Proverbs 18:19, 19:11*)**

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**Prov. 18:19 A brother offended  
is more unyielding than a  
strong city, and quarreling  
is like the bars of a castle.**

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**Prov. 19:11 Good sense makes one slow to anger, and it is his glory to overlook an offense.**

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**4. It Takes All of Us, From the Youngest to the Oldest, From the Newest to Charter Members  
(*Romans 16:3-16, 21-23...  
32 Names!*)**

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**Romans 16:3 Greet Prisca and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus,  
4 who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks but all the churches of the Gentiles give thanks as well.**

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**<sup>5</sup> Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert to Christ in Asia.**



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**<sup>6</sup> Greet Mary, who has worked hard for you.**

**<sup>7</sup> Greet Andronicus and Junia, my kinsmen and my fellow prisoners. They are well known to the apostles, and they were in Christ before me.**

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**<sup>8</sup> Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord.**

**<sup>9</sup> Greet Urbanus, our fellow worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys.**

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**<sup>10</sup> Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus.**

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**11 Greet my kinsman  
Herodion. Greet those in  
the Lord who belong to  
the family of Narcissus.**

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**<sup>12</sup> Greet those workers in the Lord, Tryphaena and Tryphosa. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord.**

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**13 Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; also his mother, who has been a mother to me as well.**

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**<sup>14</sup> Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers who are with them.**

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**15 Greet Philologus, Julia,  
Nereus and his sister, and  
Olympas, and all the  
saints who are with them.**



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**16 Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you.**

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**21 Timothy, my fellow worker, greets you; so do Lucius and Jason and Sosipater, my kinsmen.**

**22 I Tertius, who wrote this letter, greet you in the Lord.**

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**23 Gaius, who is host to me and to the whole church, greets you. Erastus, the city treasurer, and our brother Quartus, greet you.**



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