



BETTER TOGETHER

“Getting Along with Each Other”

Romans 12:5b

January 27, 2019

“Christ makes us one body and individuals who are connected to each other.” Rom. 12:5 (GW)

1. **SELFISHNESS DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

“What causes fights and quarrels? Don’t they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but you don’t get it.” James 4:1-2 (NIV)

“Selfishness only causes trouble.” Proverbs 28:25 (TEV)

SELFLESSNESS BUILDS THEM.

“Look out for one another's interests, not just for your own.”
Philippians 2:4 (TEV)

“The person who plants selfishness, ignoring the needs of others-and ignoring God - harvests a crop of weeds. All he'll have to show for his life is weeds! But the one who plants in response to God, letting God's Spirit do the growth work in him, harvests a crop of real life, and eternal life.” Gal. 6:8

2. **PRIDE DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

“Pride leads to arguments.” Proverbs 13:10 (LB)

“Pride will destroy a person: a proud attitude leads to ruin.”
Proverbs 16:18 (NCV)

“First pride, then the crash- the bigger the ego, the harder the fall.” Proverbs 16:18 (The Message)

HUMILITY BUILDS THEM.

“Live in harmony, be sympathetic, love each other, have compassion, and be humble.”
1 Peter 3:8 (GW)

“Let the Spirit change your way of thinking and make you into a new person.”
Ephesians 4:23-24 (CEV)

“...Be humble and give more honor to others than to yourselves...your attitude should be the same that Christ Jesus had. Though He was God, he did not demand and cling to his rights as God.” Phil. 2:3, 5-6 (NCV/NLT)

3. **INSECURITY DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.**

“The fear of human opinion disables.” Proverbs 29:25 (Mes)

“I was afraid because I was naked; so I hid.” Genesis 3:10

LOVE BUILDS THEM.

“Love has no fear because perfect love expels all fear. If we are afraid... it shows that his love has not been perfected in us.” 1 John 4:18 (NLT)

“All who proclaim that Jesus is the Son of God have God living in them... We know how much God loves us, and we have put our trust in him. God is love ... And as we live in God, our love grows more perfect. So we will not be afraid...” 1 John 4:15-17 (NLT)

4. RESENTMENT DESTROYS RELATIONSHIPS.

“To worry yourself to death with resentment is a foolish, senseless thing to do.” Job 5:2 (TEV)

“Since my heart was embittered and my soul deeply wounded, I was stupid and could not understand.” Ps. 73:21-22 (NAB)

“Look after each other... Watch out that no bitterness takes root among you, for as it springs up it causes deep trouble, hurting many in their spiritual lives.” Hebrews 12:15 (LB)

FORGIVENESS BUILDS THEM.

“You must make allowance for each other's faults and forgive the person who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.” Colossians 3:13 (NLT)