



Lessons for Life

SERVING TOGETHER
40 Days of Community - 6
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"...agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one heart and purpose." Phil. 2:2 (NLT)

Why Can't I Serve God On My Own

1. Because we are family
"We work together as partners who belong to God..." 1 Cor. 3:9 (NLT)
2. Because we need each other
"... Each of us finds our meaning and function as a part of Christ's Body. But as a chopped-off finger or cut-off toe we wouldn't amount to much, would we?" Rom. 12:5 (Mes)
3. Because we get more done together
"Two are better off than one, because together they can work more effectively." Eccl. 4:9 (GN)

"The one who plants and the one who waters work as a team with the same purpose" 1 Cor. 3:8 (NLT)

WHAT IT TAKES TO SERVE AS A TEAM

T RUST

"Timothy, guard what has been entrusted to your care." 1 Tim. 6:20 (NIV)

"Many people claim to be loyal, but it is hard to find a trustworthy person." Pr. 20:6 (NCV)

1. Trust is earned by being consistent
"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Luke 16:10 (NIV)
2. Trust is earned by being confidential
"A gossip betrays a confidence, but a trustworthy man keeps a secret." Pr. 11:13 (NIV)
3. Trust is earned by being close
"Friends love through all kinds of weather, and families stick together in all kinds of trouble." Pr. 17:17 (Mes)

E MPATHY

"Live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic." 1 Peter 3:8 (NIV)

1. Slow Down
"Be quick to listen and slow to speak..." James 1:19 (NIV)
2. Ask Questions
"A person's thoughts are like water in a deep well, but someone with insight can draw them out." Pr. 20:5 (GN)
3. Show Emotions
"Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Rom. 12:15 (NAS)

A CCOMODATION

"Be faithful, loving, and easy to get along with." 2 Tim. 2:22b (CEV)

1. Accommodate each other's needs
"Each one of us needs to look after the good of the people around us, asking ourselves, 'How can I help?'" Rom. 15:2 (Mes)
2. Accommodate each other's ideas
"The intelligent man is always open to new ideas. In fact, he looks for them." Pr. 18:15 (LB)
3. Accommodate each other's personalities
"God in His kindness gave each of us different gifts." Rom. 12:6 (GW)
4. Accommodate each other's faults
"Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love." Eph. 4:2 (LB)

M ISSION

"...be of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose." Phil. 2:2 (NAS)

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together...but let us encourage one another." Heb. 10:25 (NIV)

"Live in a way that brings honor to the Good News of Christ...standing strong with one purpose, working together as one for the faith of the Good News." Phil. 1:27 (NCV)