

# THE DOOR TO AUTHENTIC RELATIONSHIPS

DOORS - Part 3

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*...I am writing these things to you [so that]...you will know how to live in the family of God. That family is the church of the living God...*

**1 Timothy 3:14 (NCV)**

*Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality. Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn. Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

**Romans 12:9-16 (NIV)**

## Genuine Fellowship Happen When... (Building Blocks)

### 1. Authenticity.

*Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.*

**Romans 12:9 (NASB)**

*But if we live in the light, as God is in the light, we can share fellowship with each other. Then the blood of Jesus, God's Son, cleanses us from every sin. If we say we have no sin, we are fooling ourselves, and the truth is not in us.*

**1 John 1:7-8 (NCV)**

### 2. Courtesy.

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.*

**Romans 12:10 (NIV)**

*Believers shouldn't curse anyone or be quarrelsome, but they should be gentle and show courtesy to everyone.*

**Titus 3:2 (GW)**

### 3. Mutuality.

*Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

**Romans 12:12 (NIV)**

*If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.*

**Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)**

## Mutual Encouragement

*Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

**1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)**

## Mutually Honoring

*...Take delight in honoring each other.*

**Romans 12:10b (NLT)**

## Mutual Accountability

*And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.*

**Hebrews 10:24 (NIV)**

### 4. Hospitality.

*Share with God's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

**Romans 12:13 (NIV)**

*They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and thankfulness.*

**Acts 2:46 (NLT)**

## The power of the Home.

## The power of the Table.

*Enjoy the companionship of those who call on the Lord with pure hearts.*

**2 Timothy 2:22b (NLT)**

### 5. Unity.

*Live in harmony with one another. Do not be proud, but be willing to associate with people of low position. Do not be conceited.*

**Romans 12:16 (NIV)**

## Biblical unity requires a Unity of Purpose.

*...Let there real harmony so there won't be divisions in the church. Rather, be of one mind, united in thought and purpose.*

**1 Corinthians 1:10b (NLT)**

## Biblical unity requires Humility.

*God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.* **James 4:6b (NIV)**