

James: Actually Living the Life of Faith - Part 5
Chapter 2:1-13
“True Unity”

•**John 17: 21** (May) all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

A. The **dynamic of** _____ is essential to _____ which is essential to being the church.

***Hebrews 10:24-25** And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. 25 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.

•**Acts 2:42** They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

•**Luke 10:41** “Martha, Martha,” the Lord answered, “you are worried and upset about many things, 42 but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her.”

THE IMPORTANCE OF COMMUNITY

“I joyfully commit to being a present, active participant in the spiritual community of His Church and I will not allow absence from fellowship to become a pattern in my life. I will gather with God’s people regularly for worship, prayer, study of the Scriptures, and fellowship, even when it becomes inconvenient and challenging. I will not let my presence be contingent on works and tasks alone. Should the Lord ever call me to leave this church for another, I will make every effort to preserve peace and fellowship with those from whom I am departing.”

B. Let’s not make _____ assessments of people.

First impressions are usually carnal.

•**John 7:24** Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.”

C. *Wealth can steal* _____.

•**Ecclesiastes 5:10** “Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income.”

•**Ecclesiastes 10:18** If a man is lazy, the rafters sag; if his hands are idle, the house leaks.

Some avoid legitimate work by in favor of mind- and body-damaging substances.

•**Proverbs.23:21** drunkards and gluttons become poor, and drowsiness clothes them **in rags**.

D. _____ poverty is a sin.

Faith is the ability to see things God’s way.

It’s easier to be rich in faith when there’s...

1. Less stuff to _____ in my life.

•**Proverbs 23:4** Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint.

2. Less _____ for my heart.