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Legacy: Plays Well With Others

"All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved." Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

1. Trade our SELFISHNESS for SELFLESSNESS.

"What is causing the quarrels and fights among you? Don't they come from the **evil desires** at war within you?" James 4:1 (NLT)

- SHOW Up
- LISTEN More
- LEND a Hand

2. Trade our <u>CRITICISM</u> for <u>ENCOURAGEMENT</u>.

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing." 1 Thessalonians 5:11 (NIV)

- If you <u>SEE SOMETHING</u>, <u>SAY SOMETHING</u>...NICE!
- If you don't have anything nice to say, <u>DON'T SAY ANYTHING</u> at all.

"Don't use foul or abusive language. Let everything you say be good and helpful, so that your words will be an encouragement to those who hear them." Ephesians 4:29 (NLT)

3. Trade our **INDEPENDENCE** for **COMMUNITY**.

"They worshiped **together** at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and **shared** their meals with great joy and generosity." Acts 2:46 (NLT)

- Be intentional to <u>NOTICE</u> people.
- Take a <u>RISK</u> and <u>REACH</u> out.
- <u>COMMIT</u> your time.

"If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone." Romans 12:18 (NIV)

What step(s) will you try to take this week to "play well with others"?