

Relationships With

ACTS 2:42-47; COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

Other Christians

THE BASICS

Luke wrote the Book of Acts; and, in doing so, he used some interesting words to describe how the members of the church in Jerusalem got along with each other. You'll find four of those words encoded below. Use the guide provided to translate the coded words. Then, compare those words to Acts 2:42.

A=26	E=22	I=18	M=14	Q=10	U=06	Y=02
B=25	F=21	J=17	N=13	R=09	V=05	Z=01
C=24	G=20	K=16	O=12	S=08	W=04	
D=23	H=19	L=15	P=11	T=07	X=03	

1.) 07 22 26 24 19 18 13 20

2.) 21 22 15 15 12 04 08 19 18 11

3.) 25 09 22 26 16 18 13 20 25 09 22 26 23

4.) 11 09 26 02 22 09

In the space below, record several ways your church fulfills these qualities today:

NEWS NOTES



The church at Jerusalem has caused quite a stir. Read Acts 2:43-47 and record some of the things going on with the church and how it is turning heads in the city.

MATCH GAME

The apostle Paul often encouraged the members of churches to have a proper attitude toward each other. In Colossians 3:12-17, he gave some very specific attitudes the folks in that church should have toward one another. Read that passage and use it to match the words on the left with the definitions on the right.

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| 1. ____ Compassion | A. Bearing with each other |
| 2. ____ Kindness | B. Having a long temper |
| 3. ____ Humility | C. An inward love and concern for others |
| 4. ____ Gentleness | D. Putting others before yourself |
| 5. ____ Patience | E. What Jesus has given us |
| 6. ____ Endurance | F. Meekness, submission to God |
| 7. ____ Forgiveness | G. What holds everything together |
| 8. ____ Love | H. Pleasant nature, gracious |

Think about one person at church with whom you've had trouble lately. How would Jesus want you to respond to that person? What steps are you willing to take to restore that relationship to the model Paul gave in Colossians 3:12-17?

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TO DO LIST FOR THIS WEEK ✓

- Spend time alone with God each day, reading His Word and praying. (See **essential connection** magazine for suggestions.)
- In building stronger relationships with other Christians, why not start with the Christians in your own home. Use the space below to list some specific things you will do each day this week to exhibit the qualities of Acts 2:42-47 and Colossians 3:12-17 to the believers with whom you live. (Note: If you are the only Christian in your home, concentrate on ways to be a good witness to your family. Read Matt. 5:13-16 and Rom. 12:14-21 for help in that area.)

• Monday:

• Tuesday:

• Wednesday:

• Thursday:

• Friday:

• Saturday:

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FOLLOWING UP

You should have a card from your Bible study class with one of the characteristics you studied in the session written on it. What characteristic did you find? Record it in the space below.

THE WRONG WAY!!!!

This week's passages emphasized the right way to act toward one another as Christians. But what about learning from the mistakes of others? Study Colossians 3:1-11 over the next several days. In the space below, list the things Paul said to avoid. Using a Bible dictionary, look up the definitions of any of the terms which confuse you. Note two or three with which you have some trouble and list them in the space below. Pray that God will give you the strength to overcome those "dirty shirts." What else can you do as you seek to avoid these things?

GIVING IT UP

According to Acts 2:44-47, how did the early Christians sacrifice for one another?

God may or may not call you to follow their exact example, but He does call you to be willing to make whatever sacrifice He demands for the sake of your brothers and sisters in Christ. You can start by sacrificing your time. Work with several youth in your Bible study group and determine a way you can donate your time to others, either at church or with some community project.



LIFE QUESTION:

WHY SHOULD I BE CONCERNED ABOUT RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN CHRISTIANS?



BIBLE PASSAGES:

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KEY VERSES:

COLOSSIANS 3:12-13



BIBLICAL TRUTH:

CHRISTIANS NEED THE COMMUNITY THAT ONLY COMES IN A CHURCH, AND THAT COMMUNITY SHOULD BE CHARACTERIZED BY CHRISTLIKE ACTIONS

TAKE-HOME POINT