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Lesson 11, Part 2

Priorities of the Local Church.

Core values - Sacred, unchanging and non-negotiable beliefs that drive ministry.

Secondary values - They are less important and are flexible and negotiable.

Where do we get our values?

Acts 2:42-47 ⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles. ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, ⁴⁷praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

1. A commitment to the GLORY of God.

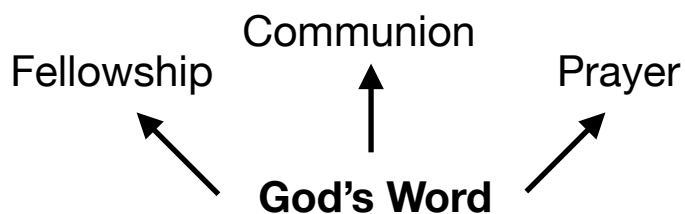
Colossians 1:16 For by Him all things were created, both in the heavens and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things have been created through Him and for Him.

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1 Corinthians 10:31 Whether, then, you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God.

2. A commitment to _____.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ...



a. The first and primary desire of the true church is it _____ for God's Word.

1 Peter 2:2 like newborn babes, long for the pure milk of the word, *that by it you may grow in respect to salvation,*

John 17:13-20 ¹³“But now I come to You; and these things I **SPEAK** in the world so that they may have My joy made full in themselves.

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8 for the **WORDS** which You gave Me I have given to them; and they received them and truly understood that I came forth from You, and they believed that You sent Me.

14“I have given them Your **WORD**; and the world has hated them, because they are not of the world, even as I am not of the world

17“Sanctify them in the **TRUTH**; Your word is **TRUTH**

18“As You sent Me into the world, I also have sent them into the world. 19“For their sakes I sanctify Myself, that they themselves also may be sanctified in **TRUTH**. 20“I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their **WORD**;

3. A commitment to loving _____.

Acts 2:42 They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to the **fellowship**,

a. The natural outgrowth of the Word of God is an _____ to other Christians.

“Fellowship” {Koinoniai} -

b. True fellowship motivates us to lay down our _____ for one another.

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Expressed best through the “one-anothers”

(_____ times)

Romans 12:10 Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.

“devoted” [philostorgos]

Honor one another above yourselves. 11 Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. 12 Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. 13 Share with God’s people who are in need. Practice hospitality.

C. Practical ways how biblical fellowship ‘koinonia’ can be expressed

1) Giving _____

Acts 2:44-45 ⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they *began* selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

2) Spending time together in and _____ of church.

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⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

3) Showing _____

Romans 12:11-13 not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; 12 rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation, devoted to prayer, 13 contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.

4) Bear one another's _____

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ.

5) Giving _____ to others.

Romans 12:10 ¹⁰Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;

6) Serving with _____.

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Galatians 5:13 ¹³For you were called to freedom, brethren; only *do not turn* your freedom into an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.

7) Being _____, _____,
and _____ **with one another.**

1 Thessalonians 5:14 ¹⁴We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.

8) _____ **to one another**

Hebrews 3:13 ¹³But encourage one another day after day, as long as it is *still* called "Today," **so that** none of you will be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.

Keep a watch out those falling into habit of staying home.

Hebrews 10:24-25 ²⁴and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

9) _____ **one another in love**

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1 Peter 5:14 ¹⁴Greet one another with a kiss of love.
Peace be to you all who are in Christ.

10) Respecting _____

Romans 14:1 ¹Now accept the one who is weak in faith, but not for the purpose of passing judgment on his opinions.

ANSWERS: God's Word, hungers, fellowship, attraction, lives, 248, financially, outside, hospitality, buddies, preference, spiritual gifts, gentle, patient, tolerant, Encouraging, Greeting, diversity