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THE COMMUNITY (Romans 12:5)

- **Wrong community standards:**

1. You – and “the others” – are here to meet my needs.
2. We’re not interested in people “not like us.”
3. We’re intensely interested in telling you “how great we are!”

Do you not know that the wicked will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor male prostitutes nor homosexual offenders nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God. And that is what some of you were. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God. (1 Corinthians 6:9-11, NIV)

I. A GREAT COMMUNITY IN A TROUBLED WORLD.

She who is in Babylon, chosen together with you, sends you her greetings, and so does my son Mark. (1 Peter 5:13, NIV)

We are not here to “hide out,” but to transform our neighborhoods and our culture.

Upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. (Matthew 16:18b, NLT)

II. A PURE COMMUNITY IN A POLLUTED WORLD.

- **A community of believers who acknowledge their faults, but help one another overcome them in Christ, will be a powerful attraction to a struggling world.**

Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. (Ephesians 5:25b-27, NIV)

III. A CARING COMMUNITY IN AN UNCARING WORLD.

1. We care, because we belong to each other.

So in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others. (Romans 12:5, NIV)

2. We care, because we must be vitally involved in this community of believers.

If one part hurts, every other part is involved in the hurt, and in the healing. If one part flourishes, every other part enters into the exuberance. You are Christ's body—that's who you are! You must never forget this. (1 Corinthians 12:26b-27, TM)