

Think Beyond Yourself

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

Our past, present, and future
is bound up with the communities to which we belong.
None of us got where we are alone.
We aren't here alone.
We won't get where we're going alone.
And when we get there, we won't be alone.

Look at what you value most.
Love, respect,
purpose, even money—
all grow out of community.
They are nonexistent outside of interaction with other people.

Self-centeredness is foolish.
It ignores the reality of community.
It overlooks our smallness and incompleteness as individuals.
It is shriveling, binding, and fearful.
Self-centeredness is a lie from the Evil One.

Love is the bond of unity.
It is beautiful, natural, and reasonable –
a wonderful blessing of God.

Pursue love. (1 Corinthians 14:1, NASB)

*Father,
help me to savor
the deep pleasures of unity
rather than
the delusive allure of self-glorification.
Fill my heart with love.
Weave my thoughts around
You and
those You love.*

Hymn: We Will Be Your People

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