

# Community

*Be devoted to one another in brotherly love.  
Honor one another above yourselves.  
(Romans 12:10, NIV)*

Each of us is part of a group of people –  
a community.

In fact, we are members of multiple communities:  
family,  
church,  
city,  
nation,  
and more.

We have received so much from these groups.  
We owe them a tremendous debt.

In their immaturity, our children are often unaware of such debts.  
They feel obligated only to their own desires.  
They think only of themselves.

It's easy for us to make the same mistake.  
We've inherited so many of the blessings we enjoy:  
roads, schools,  
a stable government;  
knowledge, moral values,  
our Christian faith.

We didn't earn any of these.  
They were left to us by others.

What communities do you belong to?  
To whom do you owe a debt?

*Jesus taught:  
Don't spend your life hoping to  
impress people.  
Spend yourself  
serving them.*

**Hymn: We Thank You, O Lord!**

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