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*- John Ruskin*



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## Doing Good & Brotherly Affection

*“...love one another with brotherly affection.” Romans 12:10*

*“...having purified your souls by your obedience to truth for a sincere brother love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”*

*1 Peter 1:22*



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*“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”*

*John 13:34-35*



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*The Unity seen in the church could very well be the catalyst for someone's life to be changed for eternity.*



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*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts.”*

Acts 2:42-46



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*"...and they had favor with all people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved."*

*Acts 2:47*



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