MOTHER SHOULD KNOW

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Mothers Should Know <u>THAT A CHILD IS CONCEIVED IN</u> SECRET BUT IS CULTIVATED IN COMMUNITY

Let us think about each other and help each other to show love and do good deeds.²⁵ You should not stay away from the church meetings, as some are doing, but you should meet together and encourage each other. Do this even more as you see the day coming. Hebrews 10:24-25 NCV

I. Acts 2:42-43

⁴² They committed themselves to the teaching of the apostles, the life together, the common meal, and the prayers. ⁴³ Everyone around was in awe—all those wonders and signs done through the apostles!

Our Culture values INDIVIDUALISM

But Christ insists on COMMUNITY

Real wisdom, God's wisdom, begins with a holy life and is characterized by getting along with others. It is gentle and reasonable, overflowing with mercy and blessings, not hot one day and cold the next, not two-faced. You can develop a healthy, robust community that lives right with God and enjoy its results only if you do the hard work of getting along with each other, treating each other with dignity and honor. James 3:17-18 MSG

II. Acts 2:44-45

⁴⁴ And all the believers lived in a wonderful harmony, holding everything in common ⁴⁵ They sold whatever they owned and pooled their resources so that each person's need was met.

Our Culture values INDEPENDENCE

But Christ insists on COMMITMENT

So let's not allow ourselves to get fatigued doing good. At the right time we will harvest a good crop if we don't give up, or quit. Right now, therefore, every time we get the chance, let us work for the benefit of all, starting with the people closest to us in the community of faith. Galatians 6:9-10 MSG

III. Acts 2:46-47

⁴⁶ They followed a daily discipline of worship in the Temple followed by meals at home, every meal a celebration, exuberant and joyful, ⁴⁷ as they praised God. People in general liked what they saw. Every day their number grew as God added those who were saved.

Our Culture values ISOLATION

But Christ insists on CONNECTION

What we saw and heard we pass on to you so that you, too, will be connected with us intimately and become family. Our family is united by our connection with the Father and His Son Jesus, the Anointed One; ⁴ and we write all this because retelling this story fulfills our joy. 1 John 1:3-4 VOICE