

## Obstacles to CARING AUTHENTICALLY

Look over the checklist below and ask God to reveal to you if any of these things are keeping you from helping your church be a church that values "Caring Authentically."

- Pride
- Selfishness
- Apathy
- Being Far from God
- Insecurity
- Fear
- Bitterness (Holding on to past hurts)
- Laziness
- Misplaced Priorities
- Perfectionism
- Procrastination
- Self-Protective Walls
- Ungratefulness

Who  
We Are

## Our Core Values

### #3 - CARING AUTHENTICALLY

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CARING AUTHENTICALLY - Meeting one another's needs and deeply loving each other the way that God loves us.

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*"Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another."  
(1 John 4:11)*

How much we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another reveals our spiritual \_\_\_\_\_.

*"By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another." (John 13:35)*

*"Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for each other, love one another deeply, from the heart."  
(1 Pet. 1:22, NIV)*

*"...and may the Lord cause you to increase and abound in love for one another, and for all people, just as we also do for you." (1 Th. 3:12, & Phil. 1:9)*

### CARING AUTHENTICALLY . . .

➤ means more than just being a \_\_\_\_\_ church.

*"Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor." (Rom. 12:9-10, ESV)*

➤ is reflected in how we \_\_\_\_\_ each other and how we \_\_\_\_\_ each other.

*"For is it only right for me to feel this way about you all, because I have you in my heart.... For God is my witness, how I long for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus." (Phil. 1:7-8)*

## CARING AUTHENTICALLY (cont.) . . .

“Be kind to one another....” (Eph. 4:32)

“Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others.” (Phil. 2:3-4)

“...clothe yourselves with humility toward one another.” (1 Pet. 5:5b)

“[Love]...does not seek its own...” (1 Cor. 13:5)

- does not mean that we will be \_\_\_\_\_ to every person in the church.

Matt. 17:1, Mark 5:37, Mark 14:33

- is reflected in how we \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.

“Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification according to the need of the moment, so that it will give grace to those who hear.” (Eph. 4:29)

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another, just as you also are doing.” (1 Thess. 5:11)

“Do not complain, brethren, against one another, so that you yourselves may not be judged; behold, the Judge is standing right at the door.” (James 5:9)

“So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.” (1 Pet. 2:1, ESV)

“Therefore, laying aside falsehood, speak truth each one of you with his neighbor, for we are members of one another.” (Eph. 4:25)

- takes \_\_\_\_\_ !

“...so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another.” (1 Cor. 12:25)

“...through love serve one another.” (Gal. 5:13)

“If I then, the Lord and the Teacher, washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another’s feet.” (John 13:14)

“and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another.” (Heb. 10:24-25a)

- means doing whatever we can to \_\_\_\_\_

“Bear one another’s burdens....” (Gal. 6:2)

“Therefore, strengthen the hands that are weak and the knees that are feeble....” (Heb. 12:12)

James 2:14-17

“Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth.” (1 John 3:18)

- means being \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ with each other.

“Not that I have already obtained it or have already become perfect, but I press on so that I may lay hold of that for which also I was laid hold of by Christ Jesus. Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet...” (Phil. 3:12)

“Therefore, confess your sins to one another....” (James 5:16)

- means \_\_\_\_\_ enough to \_\_\_\_\_.

“Faithful are the wounds of a friend, but deceitful are the kisses of an enemy.” (Prov. 27:6)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.” (Prov. 27:17)

“Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted.” (Gal. 6:1)

“...speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ.” (Eph. 4:15)

- requires \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_.

“Love is patient....” (1 Cor. 13:4a)

“So, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience; bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.” (Col. 3:12-13)

“We urge you, brethren, admonish the unruly, encourage the fainthearted, help the weak, be patient with everyone.” (1 Thess. 5:14)