

BETTER DAYS AND THE CHRISTIAN WAY

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The WAY OF BLESSING



ACTS 11:19-26 ESV

- ¹⁹ Now those who were scattered because of the persecution that arose over Stephen traveled as far as Phoenicia and Cyprus and Antioch, speaking the word to no one except Jews.
- ²⁰ But there were some of them, men of Cyprus and Cyrene, who on coming to Antioch spoke to the Hellenists also, preaching the Lord Jesus.
- ²¹ And the hand of the Lord was with them, and a great number who believed turned to the Lord.
- ²² The report of this came to the ears of the church in Jerusalem, and they sent Barnabas to Antioch.
- ²³ When he came and saw the grace of God, he was glad, and he exhorted them all to remain faithful to the Lord with steadfast purpose,
- ²⁴ for he was a good man, full of the Holy Spirit and of faith. And a great many people were added to the Lord.
- ²⁵ So Barnabas went to Tarsus to look for Saul,
- ²⁶ and when he had found him, he brought him to Antioch. For a whole year they met with the church and taught a great many people. And in Antioch the disciples were first called Christians.

HEBREWS 10:24-25 ESV

- ²⁴ And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,
- ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12 NKJV

- ⁹ Two are better than one,
Because they have a good reward for their labor.
- ¹⁰ For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.
But woe to him who is alone when he falls,
For he has no one to help him up.
- ¹¹ Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;
But how can one be warm alone?
- ¹² Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

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JAMES 5:16 NLT

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

MATTHEW 18:20 NKJV

For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them.”

Churchgoers are like coals in a fire. When they cling together, they keep the flame aglow; when they separate, they die out.

– *Billy Graham*

Churches provide a place of gathering for people who share common beliefs, support and encouragement for each other in faith, a place to find insight into and teaching about God’s Word, and they provide a time and place where people can leave the world behind and focus only on their spiritual relationship with God.

– *Mary C. Neal, MD – To Heaven and Back*

Churches are not museums that display perfect people. They are hospitals where the wounded, hurt, injured and broken find healing.

– *Nicky Gumbel*

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