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CONNECTING OTHERS TO CHRIST, HIS CHURCH, AND THEIR COMMUNITY





"The end of the beginning"



"Two are better than one"





"Simple Church"



"Building people, not buildings"



"Starting with Jesus"



"More than a prayer"



"Run with the runners"



"Laying a Foundation that last"



"For a great door and effectual is opened unto [us]..."







"Failing Forward"

Leaner & Greener

Outcome & not Time

Training & Transferability

Pure Religion & Family Ministry

"Brethren, pray for us..."

Family—Transition & Connections

House Church— Home & Model

Biking—Events & Discipleship

Return—Shipping & Funding

"Some Thoughts on 'Their' Success"

1 Thess. 1:1



1.) They **ESTEEMED** the value of teamwork "Paul, and Silvanus, and Timotheus..."

- Jesus and His disciples.
- Peter and **John**.
- · Paul and Barnabas, Silas, Timothy, and Titus.

Teamwork: "The process of working together with a group of people in order to achieve a goal."

2.) They **EMPHASIZED** the importance of the local church "...unto the church of the

Thessalonians..."

"Paul addresses the believers at Thessalonica as a body, and not as individual believers. In the early church, belief in Christ always led to joining a fellowship of believers, the body of Christ"

3.) They **ELEVATED** the person and work of **Christ** "...which is in God the Father and

"...which is in God the Father and in the Lord Jesus Christ..."

"This emphasis on the equality between God and the Lord Jesus is part of the introduction in all of Paul's epistles."

4.) They EMBRACED the doctrine of grace "... Grace be unto you, and peace..."

"This order of the two terms (grace and peace) is always maintained in the NT, since God's grace is the only basis for His people's peace."

5.) They **EMPLOYED** the use of repetition "...from God our Father, and the Lord Jesus

Christ...."

"Paul repeats the dual divine names as the co-equal source of the blessing, this time putting the possessive personal pronoun 'our' in front of the Father."