



## Maintaining True Community: Don't Keep Score!

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*"Love keeps no record of wrongs...Love always trusts, love always hopes..." 1 Cor. 13:5-7*

- Record of wrong – an accounting for future reference
- Trust – put faith in
- Hope – expect the best

1. Love doesn't keep score.

*"Blessed are they whose transgressions are forgiven, whose sins are covered. Blessed is the man whose sin the Lord will never count against him." Rom. 4:7-8*

- We keep score to determine who wins or loses.
- The one who runs to the cross first wins.

*"Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord..." Acts 3:19*

2. Love trusts while being wise.

*"But Jesus would not entrust Himself to them, for He knew all man...He knew what was in a man." Jn. 2:24-25*

- Love quenches wrongs, it does not record them.
- Love trusts the Holy Spirit to do His work while judging the fruit of a person.

*"Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and then turn and tear you to pieces." Mt. 7:6*

3. Love hopes while exercising discernment.

*"Do not be misled: 'Bad company corrupts good character.'" 1 Cor. 15:33*

- The family of God always hopes the best for everyone.
- The family of God will always do what is best for everyone, even if it hurts.

*"Hand this man over to Satan, so that the sinful nature may be destroyed and his spirit saved on the day of the Lord...do you not know that a little yeast works through the whole batch of dough?"*

1 Cor. 5:5-6