



TRIBE

Part 3: "The Cure"

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BEING A PART OF A HEALTHY TRIBE...

1. ...PROTECTS ME FROM LONELINESS

- *The cure to being companionless is being connected*

"There once was a shepherd with a hundred lambs, but one of his lambs wandered away and was lost. So, the shepherd left the ninety-nine lambs out in the open field and searched in the wilderness for that one lost lamb. He didn't stop until he finally found it. With exuberant joy he raised it up and placed it on his shoulders, carrying it back with cheerful delight! Returning home, he called all his friends and neighbors together and said, 'Let's have a party! Come and celebrate with me the return of my lost lamb. It wandered away, but I found it and brought it home.'

Jesus continued, ‘In the same way, there will be a glorious celebration in heaven over the rescue of one lost sinner who repents, comes back home, and returns to the fold—more so than for all the righteous people who never strayed away.’”

Luke 15:4-7 (TPT)

2. ...PROTECTS ME FROM LAZINESS

- *The cure to getting complacent is to get committed*

“And don’t allow yourselves to be weary or disheartened in planting good seeds, for the season of reaping the wonderful harvest you’ve planted is coming! Take advantage of every opportunity to be a blessing to others, especially to our brothers and sisters in the family of faith!”

Galatians 6:9-10 (TPT)

“Work hard and cheerfully at all you do, just as though you were working for the Lord and not merely for your masters, remembering that it is the Lord Christ who is going to pay you, giving you your full portion of all he owns. He is the one you are really working for.”

Colossians 3:23-24 (TLB)

3. ...PROTECTS ME FROM PETTINESS

- *The cure to being critical is to be compassionate*

“Dear friends, as part of God’s family, never speak against another family member, for when you slander a brother or sister you violate God’s law of love. And your duty is not to make yourself a judge of the law of love by saying that it doesn’t apply to you, but your duty is to obey it! There is only one true Lawgiver and Judge, the One who has the power to save and destroy—so who do you think you are to judge your neighbor?”

James 4:11-12 (TPT)

“Tolerate the weaknesses of those in the family of faith, forgiving one another in the same way you have been graciously forgiven by Jesus Christ. If you find fault with someone, release this same gift of forgiveness to them.”

Colossians 3:13 (TPT)

4. ...PROTECTS ME FROM SELFISHNESS

- *The cure to complaining is to be think creatively*

“So, I’m asking you, my friends, that you be joined together in perfect unity—with one heart, one passion, and united in one love. Walk together with one harmonious purpose and you will fill my heart with unbounded joy. Be free from pride-filled opinions, for they will only harm your cherished unity. Don’t allow self-promotion to hide in your hearts, but in authentic humility put others first and view others as more important than yourselves. Abandon every display of selfishness. Possess a greater concern for what matters to others instead of your own interests.”

Philippians 2:2-4 (TPT)