

Games We Play Part Three – Uno

Too many of us are playing the isolation game.

We were created to exist within community.

Proverbs 18:1

Whoever isolates himself pursues selfish ends; he resists all sound advice.

1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

What We Can Learn from Uno:

The SKIP Card

1. Don't SKIP church.

Hebrews 10:25

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.

The WILD Card

2. Don't go WILD because you lack vision.

Proverbs 29:18

Where there is no vision, the people cast off restraint; but blessed is he who keeps the Law.

The DRAW TWO Card

3. Don't DRAW TWO conclusions.

James 1:8

Their loyalty is divided between God and the world, and they are unstable in everything they do.

1 Kings 19:21

Then Elijah stood in front of them and said, "How much longer will you waver, hobbling between two opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him! But if Baal is God, then follow him!"

The REVERSE Card

4. Don't REVERSE your decision to follow Christ.

2 Peter 2:20-22

And when people escape from the wickedness of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and then get tangled up and enslaved by sin again, they are worse off than before. 21 It would be better if they had never known the way to righteousness than to know it and then reject the command they were given to live a holy life. 22 They prove the truth of this proverb: "A dog returns to its vomit." And another says, "A washed pig returns to the mud."

Jeremiah 8:5

Why then has this people turned away in perpetual backsliding? They hold fast to deceit; they refuse to return.

How to Avoid Playing Uno:

1. Get in a small group.

Matthew 18:20

"For where two or three gather together as my followers, I am there among them."

2. Get on a serve team.

Proverbs 18:16

A person's gift opens doors for him, bringing him access to important people.

3. Make the first move.

Proverbs 18:24

A man that has friends must show himself friendly...