

Words and Actions in Community

The wise will say and do what builds up the community in Christ.

Transition Statement (9)
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Proverbs 11:9

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During this time of reflection:

How do I need to grow in loving those in my community?