

The Meaning of Fellowship – *Koinonia*

Oikos – Fellowship – in your house – houses of prayer – houses of worship & ministry. Most believers in today’s church are content to go to church worship on a Sunday morning and think they are doing God a service. Yet, the early church of Acts meet daily in homes (Oikos) for Fellowship (sharing food, gifts, encouragement). This is where the church is the church.

Avoiding exposure – Today’s believer hides behind a mask – pretend you are holy – perfect, righteous, good, without faults, without weaknesses, without struggles, without burdens.

1. Break Bread Together – Acts 2:42 - often
2. Study Word Together – Acts 2:42 – regularly
3. Fellowship - Encourage Together – Heb. 10:24-25 - passionately
4. Pray Together – Acts 2:42 - Frequently
5. Forgive Together – 1 John 1:6-7 – as you are forgiven

You can only minister to “one another” by being together

Ecclesiastes 4:9 Two are better than one; because they have a good reward for their labor. 10 For if they fall, the one will lift up his fellow: but woe to him *that is* alone when he falls; for *he has* no one to help him up. 11 Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm *alone*? 12 And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken.

1 John 1:6-7 If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth: Walk in the light as he is in the light and we have FELLOWSHIP one with another and the blood of Jesus Christ, His Son, cleanses us from all sin.

James 5:16 Confess your faults/weaknesses/temptations/struggles/sins/failures one to another...

Galatians 6:2 Bear one another’s burdens and so fulfill the law of Christ (which is love one another fervently, as yourself)

Hebrews 10:25 Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some *is*; but exhorting *one another*: and so much the more, as you see the day approaching.

Your task as a true believer is to find a fellowship. Create a fellowship. Become a house of prayer and worship. Let your house be a house of ministry, not a castle with draw bridges and a mote.

Challenge

1. **Once a week** – meet with a prayer partner
2. **Once a month** – gather together in a home for fellowship
3. **Once a quarter** – invite others into your home for fellowship