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Community, Assembly, etc.

By Erin E. Short -- (Age 15)

"Alone, we can do so little. Together, we can do so much."

- Hellen Keller

Humans were designed to be in fellowship with one another. It's that simple, ("Then the Lord said, 'It is not good for the man to be alone,' " [Genesis 2:18]).

Of course, this isn't to say that everyone should be around everyone all the time. I myself am a tremendous introvert, who goes absolutely insane if I don't get enough time to "recharge" socially. But this isn't what it's talking about.

Galatians 6:2 says, "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ." First of all, how can we carry each other's burdens if we're narcissistic recluses that never emerge from our houses to be with other Christians?

And another thing: by *community* or *fellowship*, this is mostly talking about God's church (we'll talk about community with unbelievers another time). God created us to be in fellowship with other followers of Christ, not only to give friendly advice and have a shoulder to lean on, but to excel in *our* relationship with God.

God wants us to talk about our relationships with Him with other Christians, and to pursue a deeper knowledge of the Bible, not just by ourselves, but with other Christians.

1 John 1:7 sums this up perfectly: "But if we walk in the light, as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, His Son, purifies us from all sin."

How Many Fights?

By Talia Michel -- (Age 15)

"Be calm in arguing: for fierceness makes error a fault, and truth discourtesy."

- George Herbert

Sometimes fighting can't really be avoided, but that doesn't mean we can't try. Often when we let ourselves bottle up our anger or irritation towards someone, it can be harder to resist fighting when they challenge us again.

Romans 12:17 says, "Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all." So even though it can be difficult sometimes, take a deep breath, calm down, just because you are challenged doesn't mean you have to fight.

Proverbs 15:1 says, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." And believe it or not, it actually *does* work. When you fight back it just fuels the fire, and often you both walk away feeling worse than you already did.

But a soft answer can generate realization and peace between both people, successfully stopping a fight. If you can learn how to resist a fight your relationships can and will grow stronger.

How many fights will you stop?

(All scripture taken from NASB version)

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