

TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE.

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INTRODUCTION:

A. Text: **Eccl. 4:9-10.**

B. Regarding the text:

1. The analogy: One thread will break easily. Many together are hard to break. (WHY? One supports the other and in turn all support one another.)
2. **Vs. 12:** The same can be said for Christians.
3. The "Two Are Better Than One" principle produces:
 - 1) Love. (**Heb. 13:1** "Let brotherly love continue.")
 - 2) Unity in doctrine. (**1 Cor. 1:10**).
 - 3) Being fellow workers. (**1 Cor. 3:9** "...laborers together with God...")
4. The dependency principle was stated from the very beginning. (**Gen. 2:18**).

DISCUSSION: TWO ARE BETTER THAN ONE...

I. BECAUSE IF ONE FALLS THE OTHER IS THERE TO PICK HIM UP.

A. Christians are to help if one is overtaken in a fault (Gal. 6:1**).**

1. The spiritually minded should seek to restore (**Matt. 18:15-17; James 5:20**).
2. This is an act of love. (**Rev. 3:19**).
3. Examples: Peter corrected Simon (**Acts 8:13-24**); Paul corrected Peter (**Gal. 2:9-17**).

B. It is wonderful to be helped when we err and to help those who stumble.

C. The church is to function as a body. (1 Cor. 12:12-27**) Each member working for the good of the other.**

II. AS WE PROVOKE ONE ANOTHER TO GOOD WORKS.

A. **Heb. 10:24-25.**

1. Provoke = "to cause to happen; to incite."
2. First Century Christians understood this need (**Acts 2:42-46**).

B. We are to comfort ourselves together (1 Thess. 5:11**).**

1. The body is to edify itself in love. (**Eph. 4:16**).
2. We should look to one another when needs arise (**Acts 4:32**).
3. We are to bear one another's burdens (**Gal. 6:2**).

III. WHY WOULD CHRISTIANS NOT WANT TO BE TOGETHER?

A. If there is agreement, then togetherness would naturally follow (Amos 3:3**).**

1. **Phil. 2:2-5; 1 Cor. 1:10** – When united in mind, good things come to all.

B. When we walk in the light, we are in harmony with God and with one another. Fellowship is established and maintained (1 John 1:7**).**

1. We are to be lights **together**. Always willing to help one another!

IV. CONCLUSION:

A. The Bible is clear. Christians have a responsibility one toward the other.

B. How I feel and react to my brethren is a clear indication of my relationship with God!