

True Fellowship- Part 3

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I. Introduction.

A. Text: Philippians 1:3-5.

B. “Koinonia” in this instance means “to share a common objective or to be in partnership.” (Luke 5:6, 10)

C. In the New Testament, the partnership aspect of “koinonia” is used to express spiritual partnership. (2 Corinthians 8:23; Philemon 17; Philippians 1:3-5)

D. The Philippians were spiritual partners with Paul in that they supported his material needs, his troubles, and financial gifts to other churches. (Philippians 4:10ff)

II. Fellowship involves a working relationship between believers to further the gospel. We have a responsibility to be actively on mission in our communities, but also an obligation to partner in missions worldwide. (Matthew 28:19-20)

III. Fellowship involves partnering with each other in prayer. (Philippians 1:18-19)

A. Prayer partnership is more important than material partnership. (Philippians 4:11-12)

B. Praying for each other needs to be a structured plan or else it won't happen.

C. The Bible gives us a model of how to pray for fellow Christian workers. (Romans 15:30-31)

1. Pray for personal protection and personal life.

2. Pray for effectiveness of their ministry.

3. Pray for more workers to be sent out to share the gospel. (Matthew 9:36-38)

Application questions:

1. How can you make a plan to pray for the Christian workers God has called you to support?

2. Do you financially support Christian ministry? Have you prayed over which ministries you support recently?

3. Make it a personal challenge to pray regularly that Christian workers be sent to other countries in the world.
