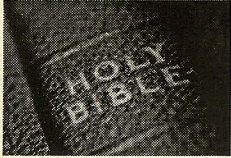


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Working Together

“Two are better than one, because they have a good reward for their labor” (Eccl. 4:9). A person who has no relations with others is generally self-centered. The most normal thing for a rational human being is to seek companionship. This is the wisdom Solomon expressed. The one whose desire it is to be alone is concerned with nobody but self.

When creation was almost complete, God created a man – a rational human being. But he saw it wasn't good for the man to be alone so he created from his side, a companion – another rational human being (Gen. 2:18). The purpose was primarily companionship. What God said of Adam Solomon said of all men.

Getting along together takes working together. God asked through Amos, “Shall two walk together, except they have agreed?” This is true in any combination of people. No combination is it more important in than marriage. The strife that enters a marriage relationship that is unchecked portends evil results.

In the early pioneer days there was an older couple who seemingly could not get along because they fought and quarreled continually and had done so for many years. A new preacher moved into the area and, when he heard of their evil habit, paid them a visit. He said to them, “If you will cooperate, I will teach you a simple lesson that will help you.” When they had agreed, he threw a rope up over a tree limb and asked each one to pull on the end of the rope. After they had pulled hard against each other for a while, he asked them to stop, and said, “Now, I want each of you to pull on the same end of the rope.” When they did so, they very easily pulled the rope over the tree limb. The preacher then said, “Pull together, and not against each other” and jumped in his buggy and road off!

