

**LIFE IS BETTER TOGETHER**  
**Ecclesiastes 4**

**Why are people lonely?**

**1. Greed**

*On the side of their oppressors there is power,  
But they have no comforter. (1)*

**2. Envy**

*Again, I saw that for all toil and every skillful work a man is envied by his neighbor. (4)*

**3. Laziness**

*The fool folds his hands  
And consumes his own flesh. (5)*

**4. Imbalance**

*Better a handful with quietness  
Than both hands full, together with toil and grasping for the wind. (6)*

**5. Selfishness**

*There is one alone, without companion:  
He has neither son nor brother.  
Yet there is no end to all his labors,  
Nor is his eye satisfied with riches. (8)*

**6. Arrogance**

*Better a poor and wise youth  
Than an old and foolish king who will be admonished no more. (13)*

**The Rewards of Relationships:**

**1. Life is easier with a friend**

*For if they fall, one will lift up his companion.  
But woe to him who is alone when he falls,*

*For he has no one to help him up. (10)*

## **2. Life is warmer with a friend**

*Again, if two lie down together, they will keep warm;  
But how can one be warm alone? (11)*

## **3. Life is safer with a friend**

*Though one may be overpowered by another, two can withstand him.  
And a threefold cord is not quickly broken. (12)*