

Fellowship-(noun) koinonia in the Greek...

A community of believers that shares the same beliefs, activities, experiences, interests.

Fellowship- (verb) to join or commit to a community of believers. The act of sharing activities, goals, interests, duties, trials, troubles and alike with one another.

To get the full benefits of the fellowship, we must do two things.

Be a part of it

To be a part (means to be committed)

Commitment is a cornerstone to anything worthwhile in life.

"I want the whole Christ for my Savior, the whole Bible for my book, the whole Church for my fellowship, and the whole world for my mission field." John Wesley

Engage in it

Engagement requires your devotion.

The first church in Acts 2:42 devoted themselves

Romans 1:12 NLT

When we get together, I want to encourage you in your faith, but also want to be encouraged by yours.

The better connected you are to a church family, the more you will experience everything God intended for the church.

- 1. You belong to a spiritual family
- 1 Timothy 3:15 NCV

That family is the church of the living God, the support and foundation of the truth.

"A church is not a place I go to, nor an event I attend." Rick Warren

Acts 2:42

All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, to fellowship, to the sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), to prayer.

The church is a group of baptized believers who've joined together to help each other fulfill God's purposes for their lives.

- 2. You will be healthier
- |3 John 1:2

Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well.

- 3. You will discover who you are in Christ
- 1 Corinthians 12:27

Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.

"Christian selfhood is not defined in terms of who we are in and of ourselves. It's defined in terms of what God does to us and the relationship he creates with us and the destiny he appoints for us. God made us who we are so we could make known who he is. Our identity is for the sake of making known his identity." John Piper

4. Help God fulfill his purposes

Ecclesiastes 3:1

To everything there is a season, a time for every purpose under heaven.

Everything and Everyone has a purpose.

Genesis 1:28

God blessed them and said, "Be fruitful and multiply. Fill the earth and govern it.

Fruitful& Multiply-Hebrew reproduce the same quality that is within you over and over.

1 Corinthians 3:9

For we are co-workers in God's service; you are God's field God's building.

- 5. You will be cared for and protected
- 1 Peter 5:8

Be of sober spirit, be on alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

Ephesians 4:11

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors, and teachers.

Pastor- shepherd which means to tend to, to guide or guard, coach, counsel, guide, lead, mentor, pilot, show, tutor.

Mark 6:34

Jesus saw the huge crowd as he stepped from the boat, and he had compassion on them because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching them many things.

1 Peter 5:2-4

Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be: not pursing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock. And when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that will never fade away.