

# Barriers to Community

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**Koinonia** - fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation and even intercourse and intimacy.

## \* Fellowship:

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship** (Koinonia), to the breaking of bread and to prayer.  
Actes 2:42 NASB

## \* Sharing

Is the cup of blessing which we bless not a **sharing** (Koinonia) in the blood of Christ? Is the bread which we break not a **sharing** (Koinonia) in the body of Christ?  
1 Corinthians 10:16

And do not neglect doing good and **sharing** (Koinonia) for with such sacrifices God is pleased.  
Hebrews 13:16

## \* Commonality

Do not be mismatched with unbelievers; for what do righteousness and lawlessness share together, or what does light have **in common** (Koinonia) with darkness?  
2 Corinthians 6:14

## \* Contribution

For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make a **contribution** (Koinonia) for the poor among the saints in Jerusalem.  
Romans 15:26

## 1. Ignorance

### \* God said it first in the garden:

*Then the LORD God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone;  
Genesis 2:18a*

### \* We pray it together every Sunday in the Lord's Prayer:

*'Our Father, who is in heaven, Hallowed be Your name. 'Your kingdom come. Your will be done, On earth as it is in heaven. 'Give us this day our daily bread. 'And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. 'And do not lead us into temptation, but deliver us from evil.' "For if you forgive other people for their offenses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. "But if you do not forgive other people, then your Father will not forgive your offenses.*

*Matthew 6:9-15*

### \* We are one body, but parts of it

### \* We show the world that we really belong to Jesus by the way we live in fellowship with one another:

*"By this all people will know that you are My disciples: if you have love for one another."*

*John 13:35 NASB*

*Your love for one another will prove to the world that you are my disciples."*

*John 13:35 NLT*

### \* We show the world who Jesus really is by the way we live in relationships to one another:

*that they may all be one; just as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me.*

*John 17:21 NASB*

## 2. Sin

*This is the message we have heard from Him and announce to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have **fellowship** with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have **fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin.*

*1 John 5-7*

**\* Pride**

**\* Unbelief**

## 3. Other Barriers -

**\* Laziness**

*So whoever knows the right thing to do and fails to do it, for him it is sin.*  
*James 4:17*

*Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,*  
*Colossians 3:23*

*For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat.*  
*2 Thessalonians 3:10*

**\* Unrealistic Expectations**

**\* Lack of Mercy**

*"I tell you, her sins—and they are many—have been forgiven, so she has shown me much love. But a person who is forgiven little shows only little love."*  
*Luke 7:47*

**\* False perceptions**