



Together



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More and more are we hearing the challenge in our society to embrace the Go It Alone Attitude. Many in the different levels of our working public have thrown up their hands in disgust, and in essence as one song stated, they say, "Take this job and shove it." Sad to say, this attitude has also crept into many churches in our land where believers have become disillusioned over something or someone in the local church, and as a result come up with the "I give up" or "I'll do it my way" attitude.

But, is it of the Lord? Follow the word **together** with me in the Scriptures. *God Challenges Believers To:*

I. Pray Together



"Ye also helping together by prayer for us." 2 Cor. 1:11 "Now Peter and John went up together into the temple at the hour of prayer." Acts 3:1

Christians banding together for collective praying allows them an opportunity to really get to know one another and better appreciate one another. This writer has fond memories of his early years as a Christian meeting with older Saints of God, where problems were soon forgotten as I listened to the requests of others with deeper problems. I grew as a Christian by listening to older Saints praying. I would have missed it all by staying home. I would have only seen my problems by staying home, and like someone said, "A man all wrapped up in himself makes a small package."

II. Worship Together



"Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is, but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." Heb. 10:25

Note the words, "as the manner of some is," which indicates that some have goofed off and are absenting themselves from meeting with God's people in God's house. Some are affected with tapeworm – that is, they are listing to cassette Bible study tapes as a substitute for personal attendance in church. Some have had their feelings hurt in one way or another, and have not learned to come to church to worship the Lord instead of man – Psalm 118:8. A chip on the shoulder is the heaviest load you can carry.

III. Reach the Lost Together by Working Together



"We then as workers together with Him..." 2 Cor. 6:1

Someone said, "You must learn two things in order to be successful: You must learn to work, and you must learn to work with others." See the Jehovah Witnesses and the Latter Day Saints working two by two to spread what we believe to be inerror. God's pattern is team effort – locking arms together to get the job done for God.

For How Long?

IV. Until We are All Caught Up Together



"Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord." 1 Thess. 4:17

Yes, like one soul-winner said, "Everlastingly at it." You do not ever retire from serving the Lord, but it has been aptly put, "You put on snow tires and dig deeper." God not only wants *initiative*, He also wants "*finishitive!*" Paul said, "I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith." 2 Tim. 4:7



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