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PRINCIPLES FOR MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR LIBERTY

- Know Your Boundaries (Gal 5:1)
- Do All For The Glory Of God (1 Cor 10:31)
- Live By The Royal Law (Ja 2:8; Ro 13:8)
- Make It Profitable For Eternity (1 Cor 6:12; 9:22; 10:33-11:1)
- Allow Only One Master (Prov 25:28; Ro 6:14; 1 Cor 6:12)
- Make Your Associations Work Toward God's Best (1 Cor 11:1; 15:30)
- Be Willing To Pay A Price (1 Cor 8:13; 2 Tim 2:3-4)

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WHAT IS CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP (KOINONIA)?

- Communal participation & sharing (community)
- Right relationship to God – vertical fellowship (1 Jn 1:3f)
- Results in growth of the church (Eph 4:14-16)
- Saints working together under the lordship of Christ
- Co-participation with Christ & one another in bringing glory to God in our activities & associations

WHO ARE THOSE IN FELLOWSHIP?

- Context: it is *Christian* fellowship!
- Only those who have received Christ as Savior (2 Cor 5:17)
- When division comes, the enemy wins (1 Cor 1:10ff)
- Some really good people are not in fellowship (2 Cor 6:14)

How can we express our Christian fellowship?

- It takes *at least* two born-again Christians
- Gathering *as Christians* is vitally important (Heb 10:24-25)
- Mature leadership leads to maturity in others (Phil 3:17)
- Find ways to edify one another (1 Cor 14:26)

WHAT CAN I DO?

- Start a conversation with God in it
- Share an idea from ***your*** quiet time
- What's your latest book & where is God in it?
- What's your latest movie & where is God in it?
- What have you learned from Exodus?
- How do you see God's hand in world events?
- What's the latest L.O.V.E. DVD you have watched?
- Has God given you peace in an area of struggle?
- What attribute of God is especially important to you?
- When is your next spiritual anniversary?
- What have you picked up in the O.T. Survey?
- What do you like about the "fellowship" you have here at Hillview?
- What do you appreciate about the person you are talking to?
- How can you encourage a new father or mother?
- How has God helped you use the last verse you memorized?
- How can you encourage someone with an illness?
- What would you like your brother to pray for with you?

WHY IS Christian FELLOWSHIP IMPORTANT?

- Christian fellowship helps keep us focused & clean
- Helps us know our direction as a church
- Helps us take our spiritual temperature
- We see fellowship as a key element in N.T. church
- Guard against developing "*fellowships"* without Christ