

“Growing Warmer Through Fellowship”

Romans 12:9-21

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- A. When God chooses a physical activity to use as a metaphor for the Christian life, it's often a picture of _____. (Acts 20:24; Heb. 12:1; 2 Tim. 4:7)
1. It emphasizes the continuous, _____ nature of discipleship.
 2. It is such an _____ activity.
 3. Because runners need _____ from _____.
- B. Christian fellowship is how we _____, strengthen, and encourage each other so that we can both _____ and actually _____ the race.
- C. What is Fellowship?
1. It is not just _____ together.
 2. It is not just _____.
 3. Fellowship is the expression of genuine _____ among the members of God's family.
 4. Fellowship affirms a new _____. We are in a relationship with _____ and a relationship with _____ who have a relationship with God.
- D. Hebrews 10:23-25
- E. “The mass of men lead lives of quiet _____.” Thoreau
- F. Hebrews 3:13
- G. 1 Thessalonians 5:10-11
- H. Romans 12:9-21 provides a number of targets to be shooting for in fellowship:
1. Fellowship is an expression of love and _____.
 2. Fellowship is an expression of honesty and _____.
 3. Fellowship is an expression of concern and _____.
 4. Fellowship is an expression of confession and _____.
 5. Fellowship is an expression of encouragement and _____.
- I. How can we be more devoted to the fellowship?
1. Be _____.
 2. When you are together, _____.
 3. When you are together, _____.
 4. _____ for one another.
 5. _____ together.
- J. A group of 9 physically handicapped people conquered Mt. Ranier.
1. When asked how they did it, a blind member of the party said, “We had a lot of _____ from _____ _____ on the trip.”

Answer Key: A. running. A.1. lifelong. A.2. individual. A.3. encouragement, others. B. equip, run, finish. C.1. eating. C.2. socializing. C.3. Christianity. C.4. reality, God, others. E. desperation. H.1. acceptance. H.2. humility. H.3. restoration. H.4. forgiveness. H.5. availability. I.1. together. I.2. listen. I.3. speak. I.4. pray. I.5. work. J.1. help, each, other.