

Relationships: Some Assembly Required

Part Five

Unity Makes Strength

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Ecclesiastes 4:7–12 (NLT)

7 I observed yet another example of something meaningless under the sun. 8 This is the case of a man who is all alone, without a child or a brother, yet who works hard to gain as much wealth as he can. But then he asks himself, "Who am I working for? Why am I giving up so much pleasure now?" It is all so meaningless and depressing. 9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed. 10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble. 11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone? 12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken.

1. _____ in Life!

Ecclesiastes 4:9 (NLT)

9 Two people are better off than one, for they can help each other succeed.

The Power of Two

Luke 10:1 (ESV)

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go.

Genesis 2:18 (ESV)

18 Then the LORD God said, "It is not good that the man should be alone; I will make him a helper fit for him."

Deuteronomy 32:30 (NIV)

30 How could one man chase a thousand, or two put ten thousand to flight, unless their Rock had sold them, unless the LORD had given them up?

2. _____ in Life!

Ecclesiastes 4:10 (NLT)

10 If one person falls, the other can reach out and help. But someone who falls alone is in real trouble.

“If you really want to know who your friends are,
just make a mistake.”
—Unknown

“Whosoever delighteth in solitude
is either a wild beast or a god.”
—Aristotle

3. _____ in Life!

Ecclesiastes 4:11 (NLT)

11 Likewise, two people lying close together can keep each other warm. But how can one be warm alone?

4. _____ in Life!

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

12 A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer.

Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)

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Six Ways to Make People Like You

—Dale Carnegie

1. Become genuinely interested in other people.
2. Smile.
3. Remember that a person's name is to that person the sweetest and most important sound in any language.
4. Be a good listener. ...
5. Talk in terms of the other person's interests.
6. Make the other person feel important – and do it sincerely.

ANSWERS:

1. SUCCESS
2. SUPPORT
3. SATISFACTION
4. SAFETY