

THE SHARED-LIFE

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What Makes A Great Relationship with God, part 3

BIG IDEA: Our sharing-God has shared his riches with us, so we can be sharers like him—the Shared-Life.

“the fellowship”

koinonia— sharing, participating, engaging, giving.

1. The Shared-Life starts with who God is—**GOD SHARES!**

“At the center of the universe is a relationship... At the center of the universe is a community. It is *out of that* relationship that you and I were created and redeemed. And it is *for that* relationship that you and I were created and redeemed!” —**Darrell Johnson**, *Experiencing The Trinity*

“All the believers were one in heart and mind... they shared everything.” **Acts 4:32**

“We don’t want you in the dark, friends, about how hard it was when all this came down on us in Asia. It was so bad we didn’t think we were going to make it. We felt like we’d been sent to death row, that it was all over for us...” **2 Corinthians 1:8–9 TM**

2. We share our lives and resources with others because he has **GENEROUSLY SHARED** everything with us!

You receive, you give.

“We love because he first loved us.” **1 John 4:19**
(Mt. 5:7; 18:32-33; Lk. 7:36-48)

“Depart from me, Lord; I’m a sinful man!” **Luke 5:8**

3. God wants you deeply connected to others because his resources **FLOW THROUGH** them—through the shared-life.

“He makes the whole body fit together perfectly. As each part does its own special work, it helps the other parts grow, so that the whole body is healthy and growing and full of love.” **Ephesians 4:16 NLT**

What do you have that you can share?

The Shared-Life Liberates us from the grip of materialism. (Mk. 4:18-19)

HOW CAN YOU JOIN IN?

- **Listen to others.** What do they need that you may supply?
- **Ask others to share their whole life-story with you.** Listening is a great treasure.
- **When you are asked to share, open up.** Tell the truth. Let them in.
- **If you’ve been hurt and roadblocks are present:** forgive, reach out, let God restore you, get help.