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JOINT ACCOUNT

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Joint Account is a bank account held by more than one person; everyone has the right to deposit and withdraw funds. Joint Account holders have equal access of the funds but also share equal responsibilities for any fees or charges in court. Likewise, as a child of God, we are joint heirs with Jesus Christ. We are responsible to whatever we do; for one day, we will stand before God to give an account of ourselves to Him (Rom.14:12).

Why should we join a spiritual community?

1. It is not good for a man to be alone.
When God created the universe and everything in it, He saw all of it was good. However, when God created Adam, He said, "It is not good for man, to be alone"; so He created Eve as a suitable companion for him. God never intended that man should be alone, and there is no plan of God that is incomplete (Gen.2:18).
2. In relating with others we learn accountability.
Before, people took time and effort in writing letters, poems, songs or sending telegrams showing how one values relationships. Nowadays, due to the pandemic, the use of smart phones and internet has made communication faster. Relying on minimal words and emoji faces does not correspond to authentic relationship. To learn accountability, there is a need to be physically present.
3. Christianity was designed by God to believe in Community. The Lord appointed seventy two men and sent them by twos to preach to certain places where He was about to go, and told them the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few, emphasizing the salvation of soul as the Lord's priority (Lk.10:1-3).
4. God designed us to work together.
Jesus prepares His disciples before going out in a ministry; two are better than one; because

they have a good reward for their labor (Ecc.4:9-12). If one of them falls down; one can help the other; also, if two lie together, they have heat. Two together can resist; and, a threefold cord is not easily broken.

5. Life is designed for companionship.
We are not created to serve ourselves, but to serve God; seek companion; be a member community of believers for our spiritual well-being. Let us then make time, not take time, when we have weekly gatherings (Acts2:44).
6. We are called by God to be part of His body.
The community should be composed of different functions. We need each other because there is strength in numbers (1Cor.12:12).
7. We affect the lives of friends and others.
Iron sharpens iron; as a man sharpens the countenance of his friend (Prov.27:17). It takes an iron file to sharpen an ax; likewise, it takes a man with strong courage, holy ambition, and with a strong and spiritual life to affect the lives of his friends.

Conclusion:

Each one of us will give an account of ourselves to God. Each one of us is responsible for our own actions, whether good or bad. Therefore, let us obey our anointed leaders; and submit to them, as they themselves will give account of their works.

Reflection:

1. How will you account your community life to God as a believer?
2. What responsibilities did you accomplish as member of the community?

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