

Independence, Dependence, or Interdependence

Ecclesiastes 4:7-12; 1 John 3:16-18

Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves. A chord of three strands is not quickly broken. -Ecclesiastes 4:12

The Power of With

Total _____ is _____ (Ecclesiastes 4:7-8)

Total _____ is not _____ (2 Thessalonians 3:7-10)

For even when we were with you, we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat." -2 Thessalonians 3:10

_____ is God's _____

Jesus _____ his _____ with us.

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. -1 John 3:16a

We must _____ with Believers

And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 17 If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? -1 John 3:16b-17

"Love that fails to take the form of action on behalf of others is nothing more than religious rhetoric." -Gary Burge, Letters of John, 163

Interdependence ____ Share ____ Life ____ Sisters ____ Possessions ____