

The Bible uses 4 dimensions to discuss our partnership with the body of Christ:

1) **The gospel**

Phil. 1:3-7 (v. 5, 7)

2 Pet. 1:4 Through the gospel promise we become partakers of the divine promise!

2 Cor. 9:13 Our partnership with one another is founded in the gospel's generosity

Our fellowship in the gospel is how we begin our partnership. Our fellowship in the gospel is the most important feature of our continued partnership. If you can find a way to partner with someone's gospel endeavor, you know that you are engaging in biblical fellowship.

2) **The Spirit**

Phil 2:1 If any fellowship of the Spirit

2 Cor. 13:14 The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Our fellowship is dependent on the enablement of the Holy Spirit. Also, it is the sword of the Spirit that gives sustenance to our spiritual partnership with one another.

3) **Suffering**

Phil 3:10

Heb. 10:32-35

2 Cor. 1:7 And our hope for you is firmly grounded, knowing that as you are sharers of our sufferings, so also you are sharers in our comfort.

We borrow from the sufferings of others to assist them in their hardship. If you are in a trial, share it with others. If you are not in a trial, partner with a brother or sister in Christ and share their trial with them. We rise and fall together!

4) **Physical needs**

Phil 4:15

Rom. 12:9-16 (v. 13 contributing to the needs of the saints)

Gal. 6:6 The one who is taught the Word is to share all good things with the one who teaches.

Heb. 13:16 "Through Him" we praise God and do good and share with others

1 Tim. 6:18 The rich should "be good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share."

Our sharing of our bounty with others that are in need is a fundamental expression of our Christian life. Impoverishing ourselves for the spiritual welfare of others is simply walking in the footsteps of our King Jesus (2 Cor. 8:9).