**How to Have the Worst Year Ever** (graphic)

#1 Be a **complainer**!

#2 Be **selfish**!

#3 Be **afraid**!

# Try to do it **alone**!

“*If you want to go fast go alone, if you want to go far go together*.” -Ancient Proverb

(Psalm 133:1)

“How **good** and **pleasant** it is when God’s people **live together** in unity!”

1. People need to **belong.**

A person’s **effectiveness** will be **proportional** to their sense of **belonging**.

1. People need to do **life** **together.**

(Acts 2:46-47)

“Every day the continued to **meet together** in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their numbers daily those who were saved.”

Just **you** and just **God** are not enough.

(1 Corinthians 12:12)

“Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but **all its many parts form one body**, so it is with Christ.”

**4 Things on being a “body”**

1. Be cautious of **comparisons**.

(1 Corinthians 12:15-17)

“Now if the foot should say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. And if the ear should say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” it would not for that reason stop being part of the body.”

1. You were **designed** and **assigned**.

(1 Corinthians 12:18)

“But in fact **God has placed the parts** of the body, **every one of them**, just as **he wanted** them to be. If they were all one part, where would the body be? As it is written, there are many parts, but **one body**.”

1. We **need** each other.

(1 Corinthians 12:21)

“The eye cannot say to the hand, “I don’t need you!” And the head cannot say to the feet, “I don’t need you!”

1. Unity **matters**.

(1 Corinthians 12:25-26)

“so that there should be **no division in the body**, but that its parts should have **equal concern** for each other. If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.”

If you want to have the worst year ever, try to do it **alone**.

For the best year ever, have **community**.