## Reflecting the Principle through Self Evaluation Life Principle #28

No Christian has ever been called to "go it alone" in his or her walk of faith..

Do you find it difficult to open up to others? If so, what would you say makes you feel uneasy?

> Are you involved in a local church? If so, what about your involvement makes you feel closer to Christ?

How comfortable are you at sharing your blessings with your brother or sister? If you are uncomfortable, what makes you feel this way?

Ask God to reveal to you ways that you can open up more to your brothers and sisters in Christ and find out why God desires that we do not forsake the fellowship!

## Why should believers assemble together as a church?

To worship: Worshiping Him lifts our spirits and strengthens our souls.

**To learn the Word of God:** In church, we often have the opportunity to learn from those with special biblical training or deep spiritual maturity.

**To fulfill the Great Commission:** As the body of Christ, we can send missionaries to far-off places. (Matt. 28:18-20).

**To protect themselves:** When someone stops attending church, it is almost inevitable that he or she will begin to drift away from God.

**To exercise spiritual gifts:** These supernatural blessings, such as administration, organization, and mercy, are to be used "for the common good in the body of Christ" (1 Cor. 12:7).

**To develop an atmosphere of support:** The New Testament is full of advice on how to relate in love to one another.

To strengthen and broaden the Christian impact on the world: When believers are committed to a local fellowship, the influence of that church is greatly multiplied.