



THE BUDDY SYSTEM  
Ecclesiastes 4  
8-22-21

1. **A Linking theme: common in all the sections of chapter 4:** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

A. People are always better off in \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Without other people in my life, I can easily become** \_\_\_\_\_.

*“There is a way that seems right to a man, but in the end it leads to death.” Proverbs 16:25, NIV*

A. All fallen people are innately \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.

B. Even the greatest \_\_\_\_\_ is not the solution to humanity’s \_\_\_\_\_ corruption.

But it is wisdom to ...

*“He who listens to a life-giving rebuke will be at home among the wise. He who ignores discipline despises himself, but whoever heeds correction gains understanding.” Proverbs 15:31,32, NIV*

C. Jesus said he came to build his ekklesia. (we translate as \_\_\_\_\_, but it means the \_\_\_\_\_)

*“The eye cannot say to the hand, ‘I have no need of you,’ nor again the head to the feet, I have no need of you.” 1 Corinthians 12:21, NIV*

**Conclusion:**

*“Be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.” Phil 2:1–4, NIV*