

7. **What Is Cooperation?** It is acting or working together with others to achieve a mutual end. (Amos 3:3) “Can two \_\_\_\_\_, except they be \_\_\_\_\_?” Cooperation is \_\_\_\_\_ together. Christians, and even churches, are taught to cooperate in the NT. This cooperation is to be exercised within the autonomous framework of the local church. Jesus said (Mt 18:20) “Where \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ are gathered together in my \_\_\_\_\_, there am I in the \_\_\_\_\_ of them.” Christian fellowship cannot exist in an absence of cooperation.
8. **Cooperation In Evangelism** This is best illustrated by Paul’s statement (1 Cor 3:6): “I have \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ watered; but \_\_\_\_\_ gave the \_\_\_\_\_.” It is further shown in the (Acts 18) account of Aquila and Priscilla teaching Apollos “more perfectly.” Verse? \_\_\_\_ The activities of the Apostles and early evangelists are classic cases of cooperative evangelism; so was that of the Syrian Antioch and Jerusalem churches. Congregational cooperation in evangelism is always good if it does not violate the principle of congregational autonomy. What is autonomy?
9. **Cooperation In Edification** To *edify* means to build or establish – ie: to build up. (1 Thess 5:11) “Comfort yourselves \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.” (Col 2:6-7) “So \_\_\_\_\_ in him: \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ in him, and \_\_\_\_\_ in the faith.” (Rom 14:19) “Let us therefore \_\_\_\_\_ the things---wherewith one \_\_\_\_\_ another.” We must work at being attentive, congenial, and thoughtful. Cooperation requires personal sacrifice.
10. **Cooperation In Worship** Meaningful worship services require planning and cooperative involvement. Things don’t happen spontaneously. If everyone arrived at the church building at different times, without preparation, it would be a sorry excuse for serving God. Regarding Cain, it is recorded that God (Gen 4:5) “to his \_\_\_\_\_ he had not \_\_\_\_\_.” Ask yourself: If everyone attended, participated, and prepared as I do, would the services be better or worse? \_\_\_\_\_
11. **Cooperation In Benevolent Work** Benevolence is the disposition of doing good. It involves Christians individually and collectively. Paul commanded the Corinthians to “lay by him in store.” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ For what purpose? \_\_\_\_\_ Early Christians “had all things common.” Scripture? \_\_\_\_\_ Benevolence necessarily involves money.
12. **Cooperation In Bible Studies** Paul told (Acts 20:20) the Ephesian elders that he had “taught you \_\_\_\_\_, and from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.” Paul took time to minister from house to house. Folks are best taught one-on-one or in small groups. The successful black evangelist Luke Miller used to say that Keeble had already “crippled” most of the folks that he baptized. Marshall Keeble was a powerful black gospel preacher. Can one Christian begin the personal teaching and another take over and finish it? \_\_\_\_ Is this cooperation? \_\_\_\_ Paul was Timothy’s mentor. (2 Tim 2:2) “And the things that thou \_\_\_\_\_ of me among many witnesses, \_\_\_\_\_ commit thou to \_\_\_\_\_ men, who shall \_\_\_\_\_ to teach others also.”
13. **Cooperation In Establishing and Maintaining Good Decorum** Friendliness, helpfulness, and orderliness take effort. One person alone cannot achieve nearly so much as a like-minded group. We are told (1 Thess 5:10-11) that “we should \_\_\_\_\_ with him” and to “comfort yourselves \_\_\_\_\_, and \_\_\_\_\_ one another.” (Prov 17:22) “A \_\_\_\_\_ heart doeth good like a \_\_\_\_\_.” The phrase “good cheer” is found \_\_\_\_X-\_\_\_\_V in the KJV NT.

**Read All The Choices And Circle The Best Answer**

14. “Had a mind to work”? mighty Persians    exiled Israelites    estranged Philistines    mad Moabites
15. Compared to body members?    Christians    Apostles    Timothy    Aquilla & Priscilla
16. “Merry heart”?    turpentine    flowers    medicine    green herb
17. Mentor to Timothy?    Keeble    Apollos    Aquilla    Paul
18. Edify?    separate and part    tear down    apply vigorously    build up