

THE IMPORTANCE OF A BATTLE BUDDY (OR TWO)

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1. IT'S BIBLICAL

- a. Moses could rely on the testimony of two faithful men – Num 32:12
- b. Joshua sent two men to spy out the promised land – Joshua 2:1
- c. John the Baptist sent two men to validate Jesus – Luke 7:19
- d. Jesus sent the 12 out in pairs – Mark 6:7
- e. Jesus sent the seventy out in pairs – Luke 10:1 (read 10:2)
- f. Jesus sent two men to get the colt – Mark 11:1
- g. Jesus sent two men to secure the Upper Room – Mark 14:13
- h. It appears the (new) 12 went out in pairs – Acts 3:1; 4:13
- i. The disciples from Joppa sent two men to get Peter – Acts 9:38
- j. Church at Antioch set apart Barnabas & Saul – Acts 13:1,2
- k. Paul took Silas, Barnabas took (John) Mark – Acts 15:36-40
- l. Paul sent two men into Macedonia – Acts 19:22

2. YOU WILL BE BETTER PROTECTED with a BB

- a. From the Enemy – Dan 2:17,18; Matt 12:43-45;
- b. From Temptation & Sin – Prov 27:6; Matt 18:15; James 5:16
- c. From Loneliness – Gen 2:18; principle is that God wants us to not be alone – *although we are called to spend some time alone with God*
- d. From Fatigue & Discouragement – Luke 22:32; Heb 10:24,25

3. YOU WILL GROW SPIRITUALLY with a BB

- a. Pro 27:17 – “Iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another.”
Sharpens = *to be sharp, be alert, be keen; it means to be more effective.*
- b. Matt 18:20 – Christ dwells in fellowship
- c. Acts 15:32 – Judas & Silas strengthen others

4. YOU WILL BE MORE FRUITFUL with a BB

- a. Eccl 4:9-12 – reward for labor
- b. John 4:35,36 – both rejoice together in the harvest

5. HOW TO FIND A BATTLE BUDDY:

- a. Pray: Luke 6:12,13 – Christ prayed all night before He chose His men
- b. Obey God now and be faithful: Haggai 1:12-14
- c. Seek out a **like-hearted** brother/sister: 2 Cor 6:14; Phil 2:19-21
- d. Become a faithful friend now: Prov 18:24 (try KJV); 2Tim 2:2
- e. Treat your BB as more important than yourself: Read Phil 2
- f. Don't project all your needs on your buddy: Eph 3:20 (take your needs to the One Who is actually able to meet them)
- g. Make an appointment (plan): Amos 3:3 – plan out the deployment
- h. Make a commitment: Ruth 1:15-18; 1 Sam 14:7; 1 Sam 18:3
- i. Meet regularly – *room & vacation/liberty together if at all possible*