

# Placing Honey before Money

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**SUMMARY:** *Fellowship versus membership*

## 1 Together To get her

What do the words partnership, company, society and association have in common?

The collection of money! *Hahaha!* 🤪

What do the words partner, companion, social and associate have in common?

Something **social** to do with the previous **community** words!

- partnership ... partner
- company ... companion
- society ... social
- association ... associate

When did the words of **community** change meaning from sugary **honeyship** to salty **moneyship**? When taking overtook **giving**.

Ever felt like your church, school, social group, club or association has more membership than **fellowship**?

### 1.1 Membership

- Write your name here.
- Give us your payments.
- Submit your phone number.
- Attend our meeting.
- Follow our rules.
- Bring your people.

### 1.2 Fellowship

- Do **you** have ambitions?
- How can we help **you**?
- Where can we find **you** today?
- What has hurt **you**?
- Can we come with **you**?
- What challenges are **you** facing?

## 2 Together To gather

The primary purpose of coming together is to **breastfeed** each other rather than to milk each other or to get milked.

Our organizations turn cold and toxic when we forget that **relationships are the goal of life**. Why profit only to lose your **sociability**?

*Money is the outcome of **Honey***

We are supposed to **sweeten our relationships** until they become financially beneficial. Greed forms sick unions that seek members to suck money from.

*As you join a company, ask whether you are a **companion** worth enjoining!*

It took me several business failures to learn that people and their ambitions need to be **given importance** more than the cooperation or assets I seek from them.

*Money is a measure of interpersonal **connections** rather than wealth.*

No wonder robbers fall back into their poverty. The State in our country has the same selfishness; it uses money to extract power rather than measure its efforts to **connect** people (honey) through services, information, security or motivation to create and trade services.

*Money is not a means to treasure;  
Meaning is a measure of **meaning**.*

## 3 To gather Together

There is a reason why pregnant Mary and expectant Joseph found **accommodation in an inn** rather than a synagogue or temple.

*Membership has routines;*

*Fellowship has **inns enroute!***

When the **Mashiakh** gave the parable of a neighbourly Samaritan; he mentioned **wine and an inn** rather than holy water and a temple. We still do the same today!

*Hospitality is the **presence** of a hospital  
just as hostility is the absence of a host.*

## 4 Touchy Ointment

**Accommodating people** is messy and **touchy** business; you have to deal with their wounds, blood and bedbugs!

*If **Christ is the answer**, why replay your doctrines rather than **reply** my questions?*

The Hebrew word Mashiakh (Messiah or the Christ) literally means *m-shikwa*; the one **touched** with oil or **anointed** with **ointment** (*chrio, chrisma* in Greek). Who can't see the equal pronunciation between **messiah** and **massage**?

Whenever you find your hand stretching to take rather than to **give a healing touch**, know that you have given your hands the job of your tongue. Even the tongue is supposed to give words of empowerment...  
*To be continued and extended. 🙏*