



Connecting to Colonial's Covenant – 12
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God created man to be _____ (Gen. 2:18), but the sin-sickened heart cries out, “Leave me alone!” (Ex. 14:12; Is. 53:6) The sinner seeks the solitude of darkness (John 3:19). God’s will is that we walk in the fellowship of the light (I John 1:7). The loving Redeemer does not want us to be Lone Rangers (Rom. 12). Consider then . . .

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YOUR RESPONSE TO THOSE THAT WATCH OVER YOU (Gal. 4:16). How you respond to the challenging counsel given to you reveals much about your commitment to Christian growth (Prov. 27:6; Ps. 141:5).

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Our Lord said, “My house shall be called the house of _____ (Matt. 21:13). Sadly, few Christians cultivate a spirit of intercession for each other.

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