

A Bicycle that Everyone Can Ride

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***“For we are God’s servants, working together;
you are God’s field, God’s building.”***

1 Corinthians 3:9

I remember when I was only 8 years old, I rode a bicycle for the very first time. It was an exhilarating though a scary thing for a little boy to do. I courageously jumped on the bike (mind you, training wheels were not yet invented at that time) and started pedalling...only to end up crashing on the fence and splattered on the ground, leaving me black and blue, with bumps & bruises. I thought back and remembered that I concentrated so much on pedalling that I forgot to apply the brakes. I took a deep breath and decided that I had to try again. This time, I only concentrated on pedalling but not on steering. Again, I fell down on the ground, with more bumps, bruises and bleeding from scratches. These trial and error experiences taught me that I had to use both my feet to use the pedals and my hands to steer—both at the same time. My hands and feet should work together in order for me to flawlessly ride my bicycle.

A tandem bicycle (a bike designed to be ridden by more than one person) is pretty much considered a different challenge.

Everyone can ride, but the person in front steers while the person in the rear pedals.

Riding a bicycle is a great metaphor on what it means to work together. In a group or community, everyone works together in order for the group to flourish.

Some will steer, while others pedals.



Working well in tandem means that we are seeing and appreciating other member for who they are. We strive to love, accept and be kind to one another, practicing compassion and humility,

as well as do our best to be honest, truthful and welcoming so that we develop a sense of true belonging in our community.

We also need to use the gifts that God has given us—whether big or small, for they are all precious in God’s eyes. The Lord does not ask us to do great things but He wants us to do our very best, be faithful to Him, and to strive to be like Him. Let’s all work together to build up the Kingdom of God. 