

Community Dependence.

Triune God, who makes no person an island,
You made me to live in community, but I look to my
community for approval and never find enough of it. I feel
alone even when I'm with people. The praises of others
slip through my fingers, pats on my back are hardly felt,
and I find myself starving for more.

The truth is no created thing – people included – can
meet my need for acceptance. Only a perfect Creator can
show me my value. Others are but a mere shadow of Your
perfect love. I was not made to take from others, but to
give freely the gift of acceptance You've given to me.

Help me to find acceptance in Your love. Teach me
the art of solitude, not to keep myself from others, but to
quietly discover Your acceptance, and humbly offer it to
those in my community.
