

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



**“THEY DEVOTED
THEMSELVES TO.”**

*That to which you are
devoted consumes your
attention, your energy, your
time, and even your finances.*

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

– Acts 2:42-47

**WHAT DO YOU
THINK ABOUT WHEN
YOU HEAR THE TERM
“FELLOWSHIP”?**

The Greek word translated fellowship refers to an “association, community, communion, [or] joint participation.”

***FELLOWSHIP IS A PARTNERSHIP
BETWEEN MULTIPLE PARTIES***

***“extending the right hand of
fellowship”***

– Galatians 2:9

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***“not be unequally yoked with
unbelievers.”***

– 2 Corinthians 6:14

*“converts who **remained active** in a church longer than six months developed an average of seven friends in their church, but converts who dropped out before six months only developed two friends.”*

– Dr. Flavil Yeakley

*“a church that **focuses on helping new converts** make friends within the church will be **more likely to grow.**”*

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*The problem today is that all too often
we do not recognize fellowship as an
essential part of our assemblies.*

**SCRIPTURE PLACES
A HIGHER PRIORITY
ON FELLOWSHIP.**

CAN YOU PRAISE GOD ALONE?

CAN YOU PRAY ALONE?

CAN YOU STUDY ALONE?

CAN YOU TAKE THE L.S. ALONE?

CAN YOU CONTRIBUTE ALONE?

CAN YOU FELLOWSHIP ALONE?

*“let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, **not neglecting to meet together**, as is the habit of some, but **encouraging one another**, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near”*

– Hebrews 10:24-25

WHY SHOULD WE EXHORT DAILY?

“But exhort one another every day, as long as it is called “today,” that none of you may be hardened by the deceitfulness of sin.”

– Hebrews 3:13

*God's will is for us to **fellowship**
with the believers, not just to be
present with the believers.*

