

The Necessity of Fellowship

Acts 2:42-47

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The fellowship that we have must be w_____ at and maintained.

To “continue steadfastly” is to keep on doing something with perseverance, d_____, earnest desire and passion. (Act.2:42)

The Word of God is f_____ and formative in a sound church. It guides us into a ___ else that we do and don't do. Fellowship must be built on, around and fenced in by the Word.

Fellowship (koinonia) is sharing in “common”, and here, in the common l___ and w___ of the Lord. (1Co.1:9; Joh.15:1-8; 8:31-32)

We need fellowship because God says we d___. It is a matter of submission to God. (Act.2:42; Eph.5:21; etc.)

We need fellowship for our own s_____. God has ordained it to be this way. (Ecc.4:9-12; Heb.3:12-13)

We need fellowship for our own s_____ as a tool and instrument for the Lord's service and glory. (Pro.27:19,17)

We need fellowship for edification and s_____ to do the Lord's will. (1Co.15:10; Rom.12:3-16; Mat.28:20)

We need fellowship in order to be s_____ as a bright light in this dark world. (Act.2:47; Joh.13:34-35)

God commands us in certain circumstances to s_____ (avoid) an erring brother in order to bring him to repentance. (2Th.3:14-15; Rom.16:17)

One who isn't saved can live w_____ the fellowship of the saints. Often, this is the very evidence that he is n___ saved. (1Jo.4:19)

In order to truly fellowship with the saints you must have a n___ heart. (Act.2:41-42; Joh.3:3-8)

In order to maintain fellowship with the saints you must keep a r_____ heart with the Lord. (Act.2:43,47)

Genuine fellowship cannot exceed your personal fellowship with the Lord. So we must be careful to keep our hearts with all d_____. (Pro.4:23)

The fellowship of the saints flows out of having a s_____’s heart. (Act.2:44-47; Phi.2:5-9; Mar.10:43-45)

In order to maintain this fellowship we must be e_____ to keep it, f_____ with one another, and f_____ one another for Christ's sake. (Eph.4:1-3.32)

Life is not about y___, but Christ's glory and others. And so, for Christ's sake and the good of others we must d_____ to one another. (1Co.10:24-33)

Are you in fellowship with God? With His people?