

WORD BASICS

FELLOWSHIP

"THE ASSEMBLING OF OURSELVES TOGETHER." (HEB.10:25)

1. THE BIBLE INSTRUCTS US TO FELLOWSHIP:

A. THE IMPORTANCE OF FELLOWSHIP:

Heb.10:25	Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together...but so much the <u>more</u> as ye see the day approaching
Psa.133:1-3	How good...for brethren to dwell together in unity
Mat.18:19,20	Where 2 or 3 are gathered...there am I in the midst
1Jn.1:7	If we walk in the light...have fellowship one with another (See also 1Jn.1:3; Psa.119:63.)

B. WE ARE ONE BODY IN JESUS:

Rom.12:5	So we, being many, are one body in Christ, & every one members one of another (See also 1Cor.12:12-28.)
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C. THERE IS STRENGTH IN UNITED FELLOWSHIP:

Deut.32:30	One chase a thousand, two put ten thousand to flight (See also Lev.26:8)
Eccl.4:9,10	Two are better than one...if they fall, one will lift up
Eccl.4:12	A threefold cord is not quickly broken
Acts 28:15	The brethren...came to meet us as far as Appi forum...whom when Paul saw, he thanked God, took courage

D. IT'S HARD TO BE ALONE, WITHOUT FELLOWSHIP:

Eccl.4:10	Woe to him that is alone when he falleth; he hath not
2Tim.4:16	At my first answer no man stood with me

2. THE REASONS FOR FELLOWSHIP:

A. EDIFICATION & INSPIRATION:

Acts 2:42	They continued steadfastly in...doctrine & fellowship
1Cor.14:3,4	[Prophesying & doctrine edify the church]
1Cor.14:26	When ye come together...let all things be...edifying

B. READING THE WORD TOGETHER:

Neh.8:1-4a,8 The people gathered themselves together...Ezra read
Acts 15:30,31 Gathered multitude together...delivered the epistle
1Tim.4:13 Give attendance to reading, to exhortation...doctrine (See also Acts 16:4; Col.4:16;
1Thes.5:27.)

C. EXHORTATION & INSTRUCTION:

Acts 15:32 Exhorted brethren with many words & confirmed them
Acts 20:7 When the disciples came together...Paul preached
Heb.10:25 Assembling ourselves together...exhorting one another
(See also Acts 11:22,23; 15:36,41.)

D. GATHERING FOR SPECIAL PRAYER:

1Tim.4:14 The gift...which was given thee...with the laying on of hands of the presbytery (assembly
of elders)
Jam.5:14 Call for the elders of the church; & pray over him

E. UNITED PRAYER:

Acts 1:13-15 [120 disciples gathered to pray in the upper room]
Acts 12:5,12 House...where many were gathered together praying

F. HAVING COMMUNION:

Acts 20:7a The disciples came together to break bread

G. MEETING TO DISCUSS IMPORTANT MATTERS:

Acts 15:2,4 [Went] unto apostles & elders about this question
Acts 20:17,18 He called elders of the church...when they were come
Acts 21:17-19 All the elders were present...(Paul) declared what

H. MAKING A POINT TO SEEK FOR FELLOWSHIP:

(See Acts 21:3,4a; 27:2,3; 28:13,14.)

3. HOLDING MEETINGS:

A. EVERYONE CAN CONTRIBUTE SOMETHING:

1Cor.14:26 When ye come together...one of you hath a psalm, a doctrine, a tongue, a revelation, an
interpretation

B. BE UNITED & ORDERLY DURING FELLOWSHIP MEETINGS:

Acts 4:32 The multitude of them which believed were of one heart & of one soul
1Cor.14:33,40 In all the churches of the saints...let all things be done decently & in order
(See also 1Cor.11:17-34; 14:23-31; Jam.2:2-4.)

C. UNITED SINGING DURING FELLOWSHIP:

Ezra 3:11 They sang together...praising & giving thanks
Mat.26:30 And when they had sung an hymn, they went out
Heb.2:12 In the midst of the church will I sing praise

D. END MEETINGS WITH PRAYER:

Acts 20:36 When he had thus spoken...he prayed with them all
Acts 21:5,6 We departed...& we kneeled down & prayed

E. FELLOWSHIPING TOGETHER CONSTANTLY:

Acts 2:46 Continuing daily with one accord from house to house

4. BEING "OF ONE MIND" & WORKING TOGETHER IN UNITY:

1Cor.1:10 No divisions among you...be perfectly joined together
1Cor.12:25 Should be no schism in body... have the same care
Phi.2:2 Be likeminded...being of one accord, of one mind
(See also Gal.2:9; 1Pet.3:8.)

5. FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLD:

A. AVOID INTIMATE FELLOWSHIP WITH THE WORLDLY:

Eph.5:11 Have no fellowship with unfruitful works of darkness
2Cor.6:14-17 Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers
(See also Jn.15:19; 1Cor.10:20,21; 1Jn.5:19.)

B. WE CANNOT AVOID SOME DEALINGS WITH UNBELIEVERS:

Jn.17:15 Not take them out of world...but keep them from evil
1Cor.5:9,10 Not altogether [separate]...for then ye must go out

C. USE FELLOWSHIP WITH UNBELIEVERS TO WIN THEM:

Mat.9:9-13 Why eateth your Master with publicans & sinners? I am come to call...sinners to repentance

1Cor.10:27,31 If any that believe not bid you to a feast, & ye be disposed to go...do all to the glory of
God

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