



# Love Yourself

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# Acts 2:42

- They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. <sup>43</sup> Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. <sup>46</sup> Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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- Present day fellowship is watered down... people HAVE fellowship
  - coffee and donuts, basketball leagues, potluck dinners, youth activities and social get-togethers. ect.
- This falls short of the biblical standards and meaning
- Before people were DEVOTED to it .

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- We are not surprised that the early church devoted itself to “the apostles’ teaching” and also “to prayer.” Apart from the ministry of the Holy Spirit, these are the two most important means of growth, power, and effectiveness in the Christian life and this is everywhere evident in the rest of Scripture.

# Why we need it.

- Interpersonal relationships
- spiritual fervor and dedication



- 3 POINTS

- Common relationship with Christ
- Relationship rather than activity
- True fellowship is found in the unity of the heart, spirit and understanding which can only come from a mutual acceptance of Biblical authority and a mutual love for the truth.

# Continued

- Just as all believers are united together in a community relationship, so we are all united together in a partnership formed to glorify God ...
- ... Biblical fellowship, then, incorporates this idea of an active partnership in the promotion of the gospel and the building up of believers.

# We should...

- Assemble:
  - together as a whole body (church)
  - Smaller groups
  - One-on-one
  - Sharing together in truth and building up one another



# Fellowship cont.

- Fellowship with other Christians is a by-product of our fellowship with God.
- Our fellowship is not so much with each other as it is with God. 1 Jn.1:3 "That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ."
- **If we have no fellowship with God, then we have none with those who walk in the light!**



- True Christian fellowship is a wonderful blessing!
- Fellowship= Companionship...but CHIEFLY RELATIONSHIP with GOD!