

CONTINUING STEDFAST (Acts 2:42)

Stedfast- Resolved, firm, unwavering, immovable, constant. Firmly fixed in place.- Webster

We must take notice that these three thousand new believers did not just get born again and shake hands with other believers then never to be seen again! They did not drift away like so many do in today's churches. They first of all got baptized immediately. They began to grow and mature by continuing *stedfastly* in the right teachings, in prayer, in breaking of bread, and in fellowship.

No Christian can be any stronger than their church attendance and their Christian fellowship.

FELLOWSHIP DETERMINES OUR WISDOM

Proverbs 13:20 True wisdom is received by the person who fellowships at the right church house, the right friends that we associate with, and the right things we listen to or the right things we look at.

A. Church B. TV, radio, tapes, Internet C. Books, magazines, newspapers D. Friends, neighbors.

Matthew 7:24-27 Jesus gave this great lesson regarding listening and understanding what it means to do Gods will and follow His direction. Those that went their own way paid a high price. Most Christians have friends and relatives that would like us to ease up a little on our belief system.

FELLOWSHIP DETERMINES OUR WORSHIP

I Corinthians 10:20 The bible is full of admonishments regarding our fellowship with the wrong people. It can slowly bring us into sin without us even knowing it is happening.

Amos 3:3 The prophet writes that if two people are walking together and don't agree, there is not going to be a happy time and the way might get contentious.

II Corinthians 6:14-15 The Apostle Paul was adamant to the church at Corinth about their improper fellowship. Paul knew that evil associations would cause problems regarding: A. Salvation B. Scripture C. Service D. Bible Separation E. Soul Winning.

FELLOWSHIP DETERMINES OUR WALK

I Corinthians 15:33 Just like a rotten apple can corrupt a whole barrel, it only takes one poor decision to get us off the right track and into a world of turmoil.

I John 1:6-7; James 3:13-14 Both James and John tell us that we can lie to ourselves and others but if our walk or life style shows that we are not having the right fellowship it will show in our works.

I John 1:3 John writes that our fellowship should champion the cause of Christ. We should desire to fellowship with mature Christians because our fellowship shows how much we care for Christ.

FELLOWSHIP DETERMINES OUR WILL

John 13:35 Love is a choice that we must make. The fact that a Christian spends their time fellowshiping with other Christians testifies that they have chosen to love those other Christians.

Ephesians 2:10a Our fellowship with other mature believers should lead us to have a desire to choose to serve our Lord in service to others.

I Timothy 4:12 Each Christian should have a mature Christian to fellowship with and learn from. As we learn from someone mature and Spirit filled we will make good choices and will seek to please our Lord and Master.