

Daily Devotion For January 22, 2022

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to **fellowship**, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common." Acts 2:42-44

In yesterday's devotion I spoke of the Pastor Rick Warren's book, "The Purpose Driven Church." In that book he lists the 5 M's that are essentials for the church. The first "M" that I wrote about yesterday is that the church is called to **Magnify** the Lord. The Second M is that of **Membership**. Membership is more than just joining the church but it means to be involved in the congregational life of the church through fellowship.

In Acts 2:42, Luke wrote that the early church was devoted to "fellowship". The Greek word for Fellowship is "Koinonia." Koinonia can be defined as "*holding something in common*" and is specifically used 20 times in the New Testament. Koinonia describes the unity that comes from our shared beliefs, convictions, and behaviors. This fellowship produces our mutual cooperation in God's worship, God's work, and God's will being done in the world. Through Fellowship we exercise God's commands to love one another, pray for one another, encourage one another, bear one another's burdens, etc. How can we do those things if we do not gather together?

Thought For Today: Do you think it is possible to be a Christian and not gather with other Christians for fellowship? Why do you think some people do not engage in biblical Koinonia? There are over 30 "one another" passages in scripture. How many can you name? More than naming them, how are you exercising them?

Today's Prayer Focus: Thank God for the fellowship that we enjoy with Him. Pray that the Lord will help you exercise the one another passages. Deo Volente.