

Fellowship

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I. Introduction.

- A. Some things require work and practice to become good at.
- B. To be an effective Christian you must know and practice the fundamentals.
- C. There are certain things that only God can do to make you a more effective Christian, such as giving you peace.
- D. There are certain things you can do to become a more effective Christian. This fundamentally means obedience.
 - 1. **Christ** must remain at the center.
 - 2. The obedient Christian must get into the **Word**.
 - 3. The obedient Christian must be in **prayer**.
 - 4. The obedient Christian must be in **fellowship**.
 - 5. The obedient Christian must **witness**.



II. Fellowship.

- A. Fellowship is a difficult word among Christians that has been watered down today.
- B. Fellowship is something deep—it is what we have in common. (1 John 1:3)
 - 1. It ought to bring a person closer to God the Father.

2. It starts with people but ends up with personal fellowship with Christ.

B. Fellowship is something amazing. (Matthew 8:18-20)

1. We cannot operate all on our own.

2. Praying with one another has power to restore perspective.

C. Fellowship is something that is self-emptying. (Hebrews 13:15-16)

1. It is deliverance from self.

2. It helps one to be who one really is.

D. Fellowship is reinforcing and as a result it is stabilizing. (Romans 1:11-12)

III. Requirements for fellowship.

A. There is no New Testament fellowship without Christ in one's life.

B. Obedience. (John 14:21)

1. Obedience and humility bring blessing.

2. The Bible is really about trusting God and being obedient to Him.

3. We are obedient through the Scriptures. (John 5:33)

C. Prayer.

1. Our quiet times ought to be centered around Who the Lord is and what He wants us to do.

2. We can also pray the day forward.

D. Witness.

1. This is more than verbalizing a testimony.

2. It has to do with prayer, good deeds, thoughtfulness, sacrifice, service, articulation of testimony, and sharing of the actual gospel.

3. This is important because Jesus is where the people are who need the gospel. (John 12:26)

Application questions.

1. Why is the church in such need of fellowship today? How do you see this need in your own church?

2. How are we to address the need for fellowship in the church?

3. What Christian fellowship do you have? Would this qualify as fellowship according to the speaker? If not, what can you do to engage in fellowship?
