

## **True Fellowship- Part 1**

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### I. Introduction.

- A. Text: Acts 2:41-42.
- B. Fellowship was an integral part of the first-century church.
- C. Fellowship is “kiononia” in Greek. It means to “share together in common.” Other meanings include “sharing together in relationship”, “sharing a common objective as partners”, and “sharing with one another.”
- D. Fellowship with other Christians has to begin with fellowship with God. Fellowship with other Christians also has as its objective deeper fellowship with God.

### II. Being “in Christ” means that we are organically connected to Christ spiritually. (John 15:5)

- A. Paul uses the expression “in Christ” or one of its derivatives 164 times in his writings.
- B. We must draw on our living union with Christ.

### III. Fellowship with God means knowing God.

- A. We must spend private and personal time with God in order to know Him and experience the fullness of our living union with Him.
- B. Beginning our day with God helps us stay connected with Him throughout the day.

### IV. There is a Biblical standard for spending every day with God.

- A. Meditate on the scriptures constantly so that our minds can be transformed and we can resist the influence of the world. (Joshua 1:8; Psalm 1:1-2; Romans 12:2; Psalm 63:6)
- B. Pray continually and be thankful. (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18)
- C. Be absorbed in God and in His kingdom as your first priority. This cannot happen unless we are in constant communion with God during the day instead of meditating on our problems or frustrations. (Matthew 6:33)

### V. The framing for practically communing with God during the day is built on two things.

- A. Scripture memory gives God the opportunity to objectively communicate with us. Train your mind to choose to meditate on scripture when you are free to think about anything.
- B. Respond to scripture meditation during the day in prayer.

**Application questions:**

1. What are some practical things that help you develop a new habit? How can you use those techniques to develop a habit of scripture memory, meditation, and prayer during the day?

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2. What does Jerry mean when he states that we are “organically connected” to Christ?

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3. How does fellowship with other Christians deepen our fellowship with God?

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