

# Togetherness

Acts 2:44

## Introduction:

- A. Togetherness is needed for any team work.
  - 1. In Home
  - 2. In Businesses
  - 3. In Community
  - 4. In Sports
- B. Togetherness tends toward strength.
  - 1. Try breaking single straw vs. handful.
  - 2. Togetherness in evil brings strength to evil. (cf. Babel Gen. 11:6).
  - 3. Togetherness added strength to Jerusalem church.
    - a. Together in worship. (vs. 42,46)
    - b. Together in goods. (vs. 45)
    - c. Together in daily life. (v.46)
- C. Three things members of the church can do together to add strength to church.

## Discussion:

### I. They Can *Assemble* Together For Worship and Edification. (Heb. 10:25)

- A. A time for renewed strength.
  - 1. Toward Love and Good works. (10:24)
  - 2. Against falling away. (10:26-29)
- B. A time for joint praise to God and edification to man.
  - 1. In Singing together. (Eph. 5:19)
  - 2. In praying together. (1 Cor. 14:15)
  - 3. In learning together. (preaching & teaching)
  - 4. In eating Lord's Supper together. (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 11)
  - 5. In giving together into common treasury. (1 Cor. 16:2)
- C. A time to enjoy the Lord's special presence. (Matt. 18:20)
  - 1. What if privilege taken away?
  - 2. What if Lord came at that hour?

### II. They Can *Strive* Together Even When Not Physically Together

- 1. In prayer. (Rom. 15:30-32)
  - a. If one man's prayer avails much - what if all prayed. (cf. Jas. 5:16-18)
  - b. What if all Christians were fervent in prayer for the same things?
    - (1) What would happen to growth of church?
    - (2) What would happen to gospel preaching?
    - (3) What would happen to our nation?
- 2. For the faith of the gospel. (Phil. 1:27)
  - a. *The* faith of *the* gospel. - One faith, one gospel. (Eph. 4:5; Gal. 1:8,9)
  - b. Striving together for the gospel including:
    - (1) Preaching it. (Acts 8:4)
    - (2) Supporting it. (Phil. 1:5; 4:10-17)
    - (3) Defending it. (Phil. 1:27; Jude 3)

### III. They Can *Become Knit* Together For Encouragement.

- A. Knit (joined, compacted) together in love. (Col. 2:2)
  - 1. Love that demands obedience. (1 John 5:2,3)
  - 2. Love that allows certain individual scruples. (1 Cor. 8:1,7,8,13; Rom. 14)
  - 3. Love that is willing takes risks for salvation.
    - a. Willing to tell truth need to save at risk of friendship. (Gal. 4:16)
    - b. Willing to discipline at risk of alienation. (Rom. 12:5,6; 1 Cor. 5:5)
- B. Knit (joined, compacted) together for growth. (Col. 2:19; Eph. 4:16)
  - 1. Growth by each one doing his share. (Eph. 4:16,11; cf. Acts 6:2,4)
  - 2. Growth by speaking the truth in love. (Eph. 4:15)
  - 3. Growth by defeating error. (Eph. 4:14)

## Conclusion:

- A. Let's get together in Christ. (Acts 2:47 NASV margin)
- B. Let's strive together in Christ