

## Hebrews: God's Priest Son (Hebrews 10:25)

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### **1. Habitual neglect.**

**Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)** *not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some...*

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**Acts 20:7 (ESV)** On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul talked with them, intending to depart on the next day, and he prolonged his speech until midnight.

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**Acts 2:42 (ESV)** And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

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### **2. Coming alongside each other.**

**Hebrews 10:25 (ESV)** *...but encouraging one another...*

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**John 14:26 (ESV)** *But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you all things and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.*

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1 Cor. 15:33 (ESV) Do not be deceived: “Bad company ruins good morals.”

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### **3. Ever-increasing encouragement.**

Hebrews 10:25 (ESV) ...and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

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2 Peter 3:10 (ESV) *But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved, and the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.*

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2 Peter 3:11 (ESV) *Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness...*

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#### **Conclusion- Christians are dedicated and devout in:**

1. *Drawing near to God.*
2. *Holding fast to our confession.*
3. *Stirring each other to love and good works.*
4. *And cherishing the ingathering and encouraging each other to be devout and dedicated.*

#### **Application: A few things to ponder this week.**

- How would you define neglect? What are examples of neglect? Does this picture honestly define our commitment to the body of Christ on Sundays? Why or why not?
- What were the key things the early church was (Acts 2:42) devoted to? Go back and reread Acts 2:42-47, what were the blessings from God in response to their devotion as His church?
- How would you define a habit? Can you think of negative and positive examples of habits? Would you define your church worship attendance as habitual? How does the Hebrews text define habitual neglect to the ingathering of worship?
- In juxtaposition of habitual neglect, the church is called to “encourage” each other. What does the word refer to? How does John 14:26 help us see this as a Spirit-led quality? How can each of us exhort and/or encourage fellow church family to be fully devoted Christ followers?
- How would you define “ever-increasing” devotion to encourage the body of Christ? If we are to encourage more as the Day of Christ comes, it seems that Christians will need more and more encouragement to not embrace habitual neglect to worship ingathering. Does this logic fit in our current culture? Last, what does 2 Pet. 3:10-11 teach us about the importance of Christian worship?