



“A man who isolates himself seeks his own desire, he rages against all wise judgment.”  
Proverbs 18:1

This is epidemic in our modern culture. Surrounded by people, we still isolate ourselves because we are selfish. Selfishness always, always, always separates itself from other people. Christians are not immune from this malady. Cloaked in pious sounding words we excuse ourselves from the commands of Scripture. “Forsake not the gathering of yourselves together as the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much more, *especially* as you see the Day approaching!” (Hebrews 10:25).

Fellowship is an indicator of truth. Fellowship sheds light in our lives and in our hearts and our relationships bear witness to that truth. “But if we walk in the light as He is in the light, we have fellowship with one another; and the blood of Jesus cleanses us from all sin.” (1 John 1:7).

It is a strategy of the evil one – separate the sheep from the flock by luring them away with logically sounding arguments that appeal to their selfish wants and needs. Soon the light is not as bright.. Soon the path is not as clear... Soon the joy of Christian fellowship with both God and men fades... Soon you are stumbling in the dark... Shortly thereafter you are lost.

Don't fall victim to this self seeking ploy. Resist it! Be found consistently and regularly in the house of the Lord. Enjoy His presence among the saints. Be blessed and be a blessing to others in Jesus' name!

“Father, I ask You for the grace to not separate myself from other Christians. I confess to You that I need them and that they need me.”

“Before the THRONE” and “Before the THRONE – The Devotional” are registered trademarks of and published by Spencers Unleashed, Inc. All rights reserved, contents may be quoted or reprinted, provided excerpts are in context.

© 2005 and © 2006 by Mark D. Spencer and Spencers Unleashed, Inc. For additional information see us at [www.spencersunleashed.com](http://www.spencersunleashed.com) or at [www.innercourt.com](http://www.innercourt.com) or at [www.feargod.com](http://www.feargod.com)