

Hit & Miss

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For the life of me, I have never understood those people who profess to be Christians but who rarely practice publicly what God expects of Christians in worship. Acts 2:42 plainly says: "And they **continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers." They didn't practice the "hit and miss" that so many people do. The "faithful few" (see **Isaiah 1:9**) are **always** present, **always** involved, **always** participating — and the "less faithful many" are glad for them to do it! Dear reader, if you are of the "hit and miss" variety, won't you please reconsider your situation and repent and become very faithful?

The phrase "**continued steadfastly**" is from one Greek word which means: "...**2**: to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing. **3**: to continue all the time in a place. **4**: to persevere and not to faint" [*Strong's Greek-English Dictionary*]. When a brother or sister is "hit and miss," my guess is that they do not have **the strength of faith** that they need to have. They don't have the **commitment**, and thus do not have the **conviction** strong commitment needs.

Have you ever met an ardent sports enthusiast who is dedicated to the team he has chosen to cheer for? He will watch games, buy clothing, sing the song, or chant the chant, or cheer the cheer that is associated with that team. Why? Because he is committed to that team. And that's a good thing. "Fair weather fans" are of the "hit and miss" variety and they aren't good for growth or endurance for a team or a local church. So take a good look in the "mirror" of the soul and if you aren't as dedicated as you should be to the Lord and His church, then change.

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