Devoted to the Lord’s Supper

If you saw your wife only 3-4 times a year, would you say you were devoted to her? Well, one thing for sure, she wouldn’t consider that to be “devoted” to her. If we are going to please God like the early church pleased God, we must learn what it means to be “devoted”. The Bible says the baptized believers, “were continually devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.” (Acts 2:42). How often must a person partake of the Lord’s supper before you consider that they are “continually devoting themselves”?

Because of the spiritual context of the other things in this verse like praying and the apostles teaching, the “breaking of bread” has been universally understood as the Lord’s supper in this passage (Mat. 26:26-28). The fruit of the vine is not mentioned because it was understood. Just like saying “give me a hand”, means help me with both hands and body.

It seems very odd to me that churches will have the Lord’s Supper once a month and consider that “continually devoting themselves”. They will reason “it get’s old”, if we do this too often is the sad excuse. Do singing or prayers get old too?

The church we read in the Bible participated in the Lord’s Supper every week. There are two passages that teach such, “On the first day of the week, when we were gathered together to break bread, Paul began talking to them, .…”(Acts 20:7). Weekly partaking of the Lord’s Supper did not get old for them. Why should we not pattern ourselves after the the NT church? For the second example we put two passages together from the same letter. Did Corinth meet as a church once a week to partake of the Lord’s Supper and give an offering? Yes. “On the first day of every week”… “For, in the first place, when you come together as a church… “ (1Cor. 16:1-2 & 11:17-34). Putting these two sections together, they met every Sunday and gave an offering and they had the Lord’s Supper. Should we not devote ourselves to the Lord, and remember him the way he has asked us to do? So if once a week was pleasing God then in the first century, then once a week is pleasing God today. Plus we draw close to Jesus in this way, by remembering the sacrifice he gave for us, he gave us his life. Let us devote ourselves to him. Dan Peters