

Consistency – September 11, 2011

A little over a week ago, I went on a camping and biking trip. Before my trip, I had to purchase many things that I would need: everything from gear to supplies and food. Most of the stuff was in the back of the cab of my truck until I packed a day or two beforehand. I got the food last, but it was still in my truck for at least a day before I got to the campground. Well, some of the stuff that I had was ingredients for making s'mores, which I made the very first night. Once I had the fire going, I got the stuff out; only to find that chocolate bars kept inside a black truck during the day...well they are no longer bars. I still made my s'mores, but I had to kind of ooze the chocolate onto the graham cracker. It was very messy. The chocolate had lost its intended consistency. One thing with chocolate: once it gets melty, it doesn't solidify unless you put it in the refrigerator. So anyway, let's talk about consistency.

Consistency: 1. A. condition of adhering together: firmness or material substance. B. firmness of constitution or character. 2. degree of firmness, density, viscosity, or resistance to movement or separation of constituent particles. 3. A. agreement or harmony of parts or features to one another or a whole, specifically: ability to be asserted together without contradiction. B. harmony of conduct or practice with profession.

OK, I just gave you a bunch of definitions, but you see, consistency is more than just whether the chocolate is solid or gooey. It also applies to whether something is going to hold together as one (like unity in the church) and whether someone or something is reliably the same (like a Christian being constant in faith).

See, the lesson isn't just to get you hungry for chocolate and melted marshmallows; we've got so much more to talk about.