

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



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The Fellowship of the Believer

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, 47 praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



The church and the individual Christian share the same goal: maturing into the fullness of Christ.

So Christ himself gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the pastors and teachers, 12 to equip his people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up 13 until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

Ephesians 4:11-13



1) A CHURCH WITH PURPOSE - V42

“DEVOTED” -

- to focus yourself on something
- to give your express attention to it
- to pattern your life upon the goal before you
- Constancy, purpose or resolve

v 42 - **They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.**

v 46 - **Every day they continued to meet together** in the temple courts.



“Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality, not a once-a-week routine.”

- Warren W -



THEY SACRIFICED -

v 45 “And they were selling their possessions and belongings & **distributing the proceeds** to all as any had need.”

**When the Holy Spirit is at work, giving is a blessing
and not a burden.**



2) A CHURCH WITH POWER - V43

2v43 - Everyone was filled with awe at the **many wonders and signs performed** by the apostles.

4v31 - “And **when they prayed**, the place in which they were gathered together was **shaken**, and they were all **filled with the Holy Spirit** and continued to speak the word of God with boldness”





A prayerless Christian
is a powerless Christian.

Billy Graham

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3) A CHURCH WHERE PEOPLE ARE UNITED V44

v44 All the believers were together and **had everything in common.**

4v32 - “Now the full number of those who believed were of **one heart and soul**, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but **they had everything in common.**”



BEHOLD, HOW GOOD

AND HOW

PLEASANT IT IS FOR

BRETHREN TO DWELL

TOGETHER IN UNITY!

PSALM 133:1