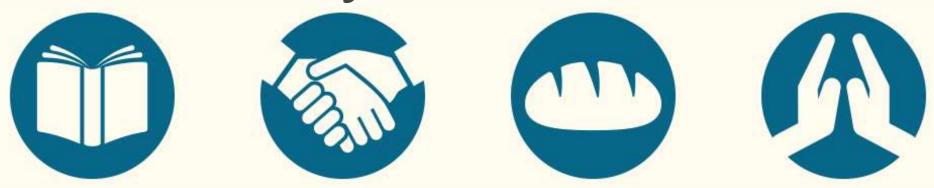






Acts 2:42-47 (ESV)

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.





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

The church and the individual Christian share the same





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

to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

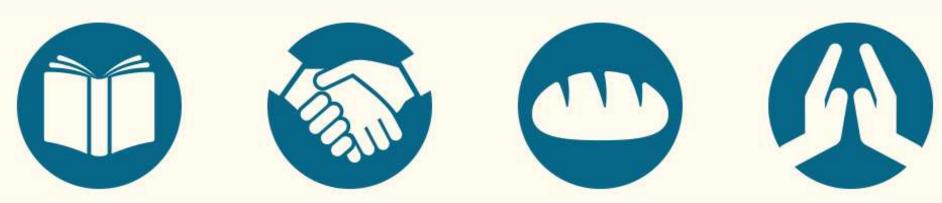
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- v 42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and
- v 46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple





"Their Christian faith was a dayto-day reality, not a once-a-week routine." - Warren W -



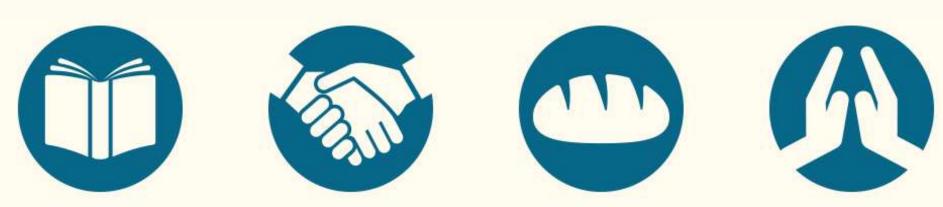


THEY SACRIFICED -

v 45 "And they were selling their possessions and need."

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

belongings & distributing the proceeds to all as any had





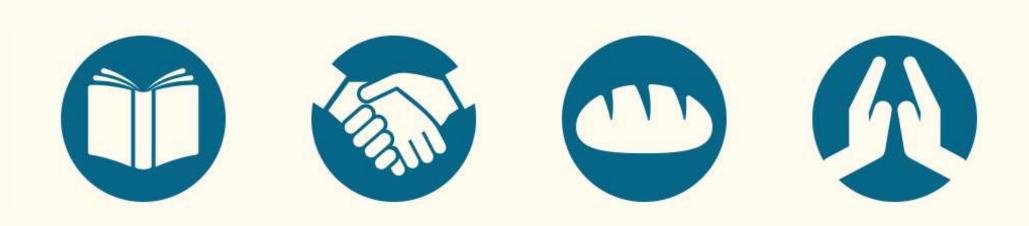


2) A CHURCH WITH POWER - V43

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

filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness"

- 4v31 "And when they prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all



A prayerless Christian is a powerless Christian.

Billy Graham



3) A CHURCH WHERE PEOPLE ARE UNITED V44

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

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

