

The Building of God's Kingdom: His Blueprints for His People

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Acts 2:42-47, 4:32-37

As we read through the passage, circle the superlative phrases: everyone, all the believers, anyone, everything, every day, & all the people.

Also take note of the attitudes in the passage: awe, glad and sincere hearts, & enjoying the favor.

What did the earliest Christians do? They devoted themselves to

- 1. Discipleship v.42
"the apostles' teaching"*
- 2. Fellowship vv.42 & 46
"the fellowship"
"the breaking of bread"
"ate together"*
- 3. Worship vv.42, 46 & 47
"the breaking of bread" – The Lord's Supper
"prayer"
"meet together in the temple courts"
"praising God"*
- 4. Ministry vv.44 & 45, 4:32
"had everything in common"
"selling their possessions and goods,
they gave to anyone as he had need"
"they shared everything they had"*
- 5. Evangelism v.47, 4:33
"enjoying the favor of all the people"
"testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus"*

Where did they do these things?

- 1. Temple Courts v.46*
- 2. Their Homes v.46*

What did God do? He "added to their number daily those who were being saved." v.47

To what are you devoted? How does your devotion affect your attitude?

How does your devotion affect your effectiveness for God's Kingdom?

How would our church function if everybody was devoted just like you?

What do you need to change? How?