



DEVOTED

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⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. ⁴³ And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. ⁴⁴ And all who believed were together and had all things in common.



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⁴⁵ And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. ⁴⁶ And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.



THEY DEVOTED THEMSELVES TO...

1. The Apostle's Teaching
2. The Fellowship – “koinonia”
3. The Breaking of Bread
4. The Prayers



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“devoted themselves” (v42)
– to persevere in an activity with devotion.

Even when it's not easy! Is it ever easy?

Commitment – I have to...

Devotion – I want to...



THE FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship – koinonia

Sharing in activities of an intimate group.

Especially used of marriage and churches.

Remember the “one anothers.”

(love, forgive, bear with..., encourage)



WHY SO MANY “ONE ANOTHERS”?

- Because Community is Important.
- It's not easy. It will require an intentional choice on our part to choose to love, encourage, and forgive.
- When we choose to be devoted to community, we provide an opportunity for growth in ourselves and the community.



THE FELLOWSHIP

They were a CARING community.
They were all CONTRIBUTING.

They were part of a COVENANT community.

- Covenant with God and each other.
- A community on mission with God.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD & THE PRAYERS

Acts 2:46 And **day by day**, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts,

Meeting for worship, shared meals and prayer was a priority.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD & THE PRAYERS

A Worshiping Community

- A Sense of Awe
 - Aware of God's presence
 - Aware that God is working
- Thanksgiving
- Praising God



THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING

Matthew 28:19–20 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ **teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.** And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

THE APOSTLE'S TEACHING

Psalms 119:105 Your word is a lamp to my feet
and a light to my path.

2 Timothy 3:16–17 All Scripture is breathed out
by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof,
for correction, and for training in righteousness,
¹⁷ that the man of God may be complete,
equipped for every good work.

REALITY CHECK

- To what level are you devoted to the fellowship?
 - Are you caring for others?
 - Are you contributing to the cause?
- To what level are you devoted to meeting together? (worship, meals, prayer)
- To what level are you devoted to align your life with God's word?