



# DEVOTED

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

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<sup>45</sup> And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> 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



# DEVOTED

“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, <sup>20</sup> **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

Psalm 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,<sup>17</sup> 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?