

A Devoted Church

Acts 2:42-47

Main Point:

In order for the church to grow, we need to be devoted to certain activities.

1. The church is to be devoted to certain activities.
2. The church is to be devoted to learning from God's Word.
3. The church is to be devoted to generous fellowship.
4. The church is to be devoted to the sacraments.
5. The church is to be devoted to prayer and praise.
6. Because this is how Jesus grows His church.

Cross-References and Quotations

Dennis Johnson "The summaries of the church's life and growth in the early chapters of Acts give us a glimpse of how the church behaves when it is a normal, healthy, holy community."

Derek Thomas "What Scripture says, God says ... This is why our churches should emphasize Bible study and biblical preaching."

Acts 5:3-4 ³ But Peter said, "Ananias, why has Satan filled your heart to lie to the Holy Spirit and keep back *part* of the price of the land for yourself? ⁴ "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "The three thousand who received baptism at Pentecost at once entered a new family, defined not by genetics but by allegiance to Jesus."

Galatians 6:10 ¹⁰ ... As we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith. (NKJV)

Acts 20:7 ⁷ Now on the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul, ready to depart the next day, spoke to them and continued his message until midnight. (NKJV)

Acts 1:14 ¹⁴ These all continued with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers. (NKJV)

Derek Thomas "What can account for the remarkable success of the early church? *Prayer!* There is a great deal of it in Acts."

Ted Donnelly "When the church is as she should be, people will come."