

II. They devoted themselves to **fellowship**.

"Koinonia" means they had definite **meetings** together.

- ◆ *"Breaking of bread"* means the **Lord's Supper**.
- ◆ They had stated times of **prayer**.

Question: "Am I **meeting together** with other Christians?"

- ◆ Going to church does not **make one a Christian**.
- ◆ We should not feel guilty if we **can't go one Sunday**.

The norm: making and keeping an **appointment** each week.

The early Christian's flexibility

- ◆ They met in the **temple**.
- ◆ They met in **homes**.

They really **cared** for one another.

Three things happened

- A. They **enjoyed** their relationship with each other and God.
- B. They **found favor** with all the people.
- C. The Lord **added to their numbers**.

Small Group Discussion Questions:

- 1) "Devoted" means they persevered, they really came to grips with Acts 2:42. Do you sense the early disciples' *devotion* to God's Word in yourselves and in others today?
- 2) What would you say is the state of commitment in our churches today?
- 3) In what way is the power of the Holy Spirit tied to the truth of God's Word?
- 4) What is the current state of *koinonia* (meeting together) at Redeemer?
- 5) What do you say to someone who says, "I am a Christian, but I don't need to go to church?"

6) What is the strength of meeting together in the large gathering (temple) and in the small gathering (homes)?

7) The early Christians really cared for each other's physical needs. Where do you see that happening at Redeemer?

8) Discuss the three results of Acts 2:42 in the early church and today: (a) joy with each other and God, (b) finding favor with all people, (c) the church grew.

Daily Reading Plan:

This Reading Plan is an aide to help focus on the "Life of the Church" message series. Each week's reading's are preparatory for the upcoming message. Although we are concentrating on the book of Acts, the reading plan will also include other New Testament books and may be repetitive from week to week.

Monday - Acts 1

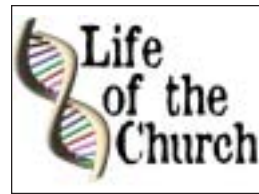
Tuesday - Acts 2

Wednesday - Colossians 1

Thursday - Colossians 2

Friday - Colossians 3

Weekend - Colossians 4



Redeeming Notes

Pastor Dave GlesnePower and the Devoted Life"

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Key verse for being filled with the Spirit

"Do not get drunk with wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead be filled with the Holy Spirit."
Ephesians 5:18

The devoted life...

"They devoted themselves to the apostle's teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer." Acts 2:42

"Devoted" means to really **hold fast** to something.

to **persevere** in something.

No idea of commitment to Christ while **standing on the sidelines**.

I. They devoted themselves to the **Apostle's teaching**.

We will have the power of the Holy Spirit as we are devoted to the **truth of God's Word**.

Scripture ties **truth** to power.

Question: "Do I **long** for the truth of God's Word?"

Reading the Bible in order to be **built up** is edifying.