

DEVOTED

ACTS 2:42-47



**THE FIRST CENTURY
CHURCH WERE EXPERTS
IN CHURCH GROWTH.**

*“So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about **three thousand souls.**”*

– Acts 2:41

*“But many of those who had heard the word believed, and the number of the men came to about **five thousand.**”*

– Acts 4:4

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.”

– Acts 2:42-47

**DEVOTION
MATTERS!**

*That to which you are
devoted consumes your
attention, your energy, your
time, and even your finances.*

**“THEY DEVOTED
THEMSELVES TO
THE APOSTLES’
TEACHING”**

Acts 2:42

Why should Christians be devoted to the Word?

*“All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for **teaching**, for **reproof**, for **correction**, and for **training** in righteousness, that the man of God may be **complete**, **equipped for every good work.**”*

– 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**WE SHOULD BE
DEVOTED TO THE
WORD BECAUSE OF
WHO AUTHORED IT!**

*God is the authority on life since
He created it; therefore, **His
authorship alone** is reason to be
devoted to the Word.*

**ARE WE TRULY
DEVOTED TO THE
WORD?**

*“lay up these words of mine in
your heart and in your soul”*

– Deut. 11:18

*“**bind** them as a sign on your hand,” to **fix** them “as frontlets between your eyes,” and to “**write** them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates”*

– Deut. 11:18

***Devotion** to the Word means
that you **consistently engage** it.*

*“they **received the word** with all eagerness, **examining the Scriptures** daily to see if these things were so”*

– Acts 17:11

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