



Church Polity in the Book of Acts

Acts 2:42-47

4/28/19 PM

THE CHURCH WORKING TOGETHER

Introduction:

I. THEY WERE A COVENANTED COMMUNITY (2:42-43)

A. They Were Devoted to Studying and Teaching

“they were continually devoting themselves”

“the apostles’ teaching”

B. They Were Devoted to Fellowship

“they were continually devoting themselves...to the breaking of bread”

“they were continually devoting themselves...to prayer”

RESULT: “everyone kept feeling a sense of awe”

“many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles”

II. THEY WERE A CARING COMMUNITY (2:44-46)

A. They Were Devoted to Being Together

“all those who had believed”

“were together...met together...ate together”

“breaking bread from house to house”

“in the temple courts”

B. They Were Devoted to Each Other

“had everything in common”

C. They Were Devoted to Being Generous

“they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all”

“as anyone might have need”

RESULT: “they enjoyed the favor of all the people”

III. THEY WERE A CONTINUING COMMUNITY (2:46-47)

A. They Were Devoted to Gladness

“day by day continuing with one mind”

“with gladness”

B. They Were Devoted to Sincerity

“with sincerity of heart”

C. They Were Devoted to Praise

“praising God”

D. They Were Devoted to Growth

“adding to their number day by day”

“those who were being saved”

RESULT:

“the Lord added to their number daily”

Conclusion:

The events of this day provide us with God’s blueprint for the church:

- they met daily (2:46)
- they won souls daily (2:47)
- they cared for each other daily (6:1)
- they searched the Scriptures daily (17:11)
- they increased in number daily (16:5)

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