

Holy Habits

Part 4: The Power of Devotion

Acts 2:41-47 (NIV)

Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The Power of Devotion:

1. Devotion ENERGIZES and STABILIZES our faith so that we can live lives that are pleasing to God. (Acts 2:41-42)

a. Devotion means, we intentionally EXPRESS the affection of our HEARTS through the HABITS of our hands.

b. Devotion is a TEAM SPORT.

c. Devotion is for an AUDIENCE of One expressed in three ways:

i. HEARING God's word taught.

ii. DOING LIFE TOGETHER with other believers.

iii. Relating to God through PRAYER.

2. Our devotion creates room for God to demonstrate His generous love in multiple ways. (Acts 2:43-47)

a. God's VALUE to us goes up.

b. God's miraculous power is SEEN.

c. Our GENEROSITY increases.

d. Our hearts become GLAD.

e. God adds new BELIEVERS to our community.