



THE CHURCH GOD BLESSES - ACTS 2
Decade To Make A Difference Pt 1
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TO RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING WE MUST...

1. PRAY FOR GOD'S POWER!

*"They continually met together to pray as a group with one purpose in mind..."
(Acts 1:14)*

2. USE EVERYONE'S LANGUAGE.

"...THEY ALL began to speak different languages as the Spirit gave EACH OF THEM the power to express themselves." (Acts 2:4 NJB)

"...ALL OF US hear them speaking in our own languages about the great things that God has done!" (Acts 2:11 TEV)

- We are building a bridge of love between our hearts and theirs so that Jesus can walk across.

3. EMPLOY EVERYONE'S TALENTS.

"Then Peter stood up and said... 'These people are not drunk, as you suppose; it is only nine o'clock in the morning! God says, 'I will pour out my Spirit ON EVERYONE. Your sons and daughters will proclaim my message; your young men will see visions, and your old men will have dreams. Yes, even on my servants, both men and women, I will pour out my Spirit in those days, and they will ALL proclaim my message.... Then, EVERYONE who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'" (Acts 2:14-18, 21)

4. BE DEVOTED TO GOD'S WORD.

"They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching..." (Acts 2:42)

THE GOSPEL WE SHARE

- Jesus is God! His miracles prove it vs. 22
- He died on the cross vs. 23
- God raised him back to life vs. 24-32
- This gives us gladness, joy & hope! vs. 26
- He has sent his Spirit from heaven vs. 33-35
- We must repent & be baptized vs. 36-38
- We will be given his Holy Spirit vs. 38b-39
- We must live differently from the world vs. 40

5. **GIVE LOVING SUPPORT.**

"... They took part in the fellowship, and sharing in fellowship meals and in praying together..." (Acts 2:42b TEV)

"...they met in small groups IN HOMES for communion, and shared meals with great joy and thankfulness." (Acts 2:46b LB)

6. **MAKE GENEROUS SACRIFICES.**

"All the believers shared everything with each other. They would sell their land and the things they owned and then give the money to anyone who needed it." (Acts 2:44-45)

"They shared their meals with great joy and generosity." (Acts 2:46 NLT)

RESULT...

"Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day!" (Acts 2:40-41)

"People liked what they saw. So every day their number grew as God added those who were saved." (Acts 2:47 MSG)

"You'll receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you and then you will be my WITNESSES in Jerusalem AND in Judea AND in Samaria, AND to the ends of the earth!" (Acts 1:8)