

**“Marks of Membership”
(Acts 2:42-47)**

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**What are the “marks” of a healthy
believer/church?**

⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls. ⁴²They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and

signs were taking place through the apostles.

⁴⁴And all those who had believed were together and had all things in common; ⁴⁵and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need. ⁴⁶Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking

bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

**There is a key word that makes a difference
between being an attender or a member, a
spectator or participator, spiritually weak or
spiritually strong, spiritually frustrated or
spiritually fruitful, spiritually indifferent or
spiritually motivated.**

The key work is “devotion”! “They were continually devoting themselves.” Devote means they were all in, sold out, steadfast, single-minded and determined!

Time tells how devoted we really are. It takes daily devotion, discipline and determination to honor God and follow Jesus daily!

4 Marks of a Healthy Believer/Church

1. The Mark of Lordship (Acts 2:36-39)

- Repent and be baptized.**
- Confess Jesus Christ as Lord.**
- Surrender and submit to God's will and God's Word.**

**Repentance is a change of mind that results in a
change of direction/behavior.**

⁹that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved;

⁴¹So then, those who had received his word were baptized; and that day there were added about three thousand souls.

Acts 2:41

To confess Christ as your Lord is not only acknowledging you need Him as Savior, but it's also relinquishing your control over to Him.

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2. The Mark of Discipleship (Acts 2:42)

- Devoted to the Apostles' teaching**
- Devoted to learn and live God's Word.**

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3. The Mark of Fellowship (Acts 2:42)

- Devoted to fellowship**
- Koinonia - a partnership rooted in Christ toward a common goal or task.**

**The early church did life together.
Beware, the devil wants to isolate
you from your church family.**

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4. The Mark of Partnership (Acts 2:44)

- Sharing together (that's stewardship) - vs. 45**
- Praying together (that's relationship) - vs. 42**

**4 Marks of Church Membership:
Lordship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and
Partnership**

**How devoted are you to these priorities of
MSBC? Based upon these “marks” of
membership, are you spiritually healthy and
growing in your likeness to Christ?**

Sermon in a Sentence:

**It takes daily devotion to Christ to be a healthy
believer/church!**

Application:

- 1. Devotion to Christ will result in devotion to His Church. In what ways does your life reflect devotion to the ministry and mission of Mt. Sinai? In what ways do you need to step up your devotion to God's Church?**
- 2. Based on the 4 marks, are you healthy in the Lord? What marks are best reflected in your life and why? How does Mt. Sinai measure up with the 4 marks? Which ones does our church need to work on the most?**
- 3. Faith@Home: Discuss how you are tempted to isolate yourself from other Christians and your church. Share how you gain victory over isolation from God's people and the church. What helped the most? Reach out to someone who has disappeared from our church and check on them.**