

# 5-Day Devotional: Devoted to the Foundations

## Day 1: Devoted to God's Word

**Reading:** Acts 2:42; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

**Devotional:** The early church didn't stumble into devotion—they chose it deliberately. Their first commitment was to God's Word, recognizing that Scripture is "breathed out by God" and capable of transforming lives. This wasn't casual Bible reading; it was hungry pursuit of truth that shaped their identity and mission. Consider your relationship with Scripture. Is it a daily necessity or an occasional supplement? God's Word pierces hearts, judges intentions, and renews minds. It's not about information but transformation. The early believers didn't just hear the apostles' teaching—they devoted themselves to it, letting it reshape how they thought, spoke, and lived.

**Application:** Set aside 15 minutes today to read Scripture without distraction. Ask God to speak directly to your heart through His Word.

## Day 2: Devoted to Fellowship

**Reading:** Acts 2:42-47; Hebrews 10:24-25

**Devotional:** Fellowship isn't potluck dinners or surface-level conversations—it's life together. The Greek word "koinonia" means sharing, participating, holding things in common. The early church knew each other's needs because they truly knew each other. They were vulnerable, honest, and committed to walking through life together.

True fellowship requires risk. It means letting people see your struggles, not just your successes. It means caring about others' burdens as much as your own. When we isolate ourselves, we miss the beautiful design God intended for His church—a family that bears one another's burdens and celebrates one another's joys.

**Application:** Reach out to someone in your church today. Move beyond "How are you?" to "What's really happening in your life right now?"

## Day 3: Devoted to Breaking Bread

**Reading:** Acts 2:42, 46; 1 Corinthians 11:23-26

**Devotional:** The early church gathered around tables—both for communion and for meals. Thirty-eight percent of Jesus' ministry involved eating with people. There's something sacred about sharing food, breaking bread together, and remembering Christ's sacrifice in community.

Breaking bread served dual purposes: remembering the cross through communion and building relationships through shared meals. Both matter deeply. When we gather at the Lord's table, we proclaim His death until He comes. When we gather

around dinner tables, we create space for authentic connection and gospel conversations.

Worship and relationship intertwine at the table. Don't underestimate the power of inviting someone into your home, sharing a meal, and creating space for real conversation about faith and life.

**Application:** Invite someone to share a meal with you this week. Make it a priority to connect over food.

## Day 4: Devoted to Prayer

**Reading:** Acts 2:42; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

**Devotional:** The early church prayed constantly—in temples, homes, on roads, before preaching, after preaching, in persecution, in jail, in celebration. Prayer wasn't relegated to crisis moments; it was woven into the fabric of daily life. They understood that prayer connects us to God's power and aligns our hearts with His will.

Prayer shouldn't feel weird or forced. It's conversation with the God who loves you. The early believers prayed together freely, supporting one another through intercession. They knew what to pray for because they knew each other well enough to understand the battles being fought.

Healthy believers create healthy churches, and both are marked by devotion to prayer. Don't wait for crisis to drive you to your knees. Make prayer your first response, not your last resort.

**Application:** Call or text someone today and ask how you can pray for them. Then actually pray—right then, with them.

## Day 5: Devoted to Generosity and Worship

**Reading:** Acts 2:44-47; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

**Devotional:** The early church was radically generous, selling possessions to meet needs within the community. They worshiped with glad and sincere hearts, praising God for His goodness. Their generosity flowed from grateful hearts transformed by the gospel.

Generosity isn't just financial—it's a posture of open-handedness with everything God has given us. Our time, homes, resources, and talents all belong to Him. When we hold things loosely, we demonstrate trust in God's provision and reflect His generous heart toward us.

Worship and generosity are inseparable. True worship involves surrendering everything to God, including our wallets. When we give sacrificially, we declare that God is our ultimate treasure. The early church's joyful generosity attracted others to Christ because it demonstrated a radically different way of living.

**Application:** Identify one way you can be generous today—with your time, resources, or possessions. Give joyfully, expecting nothing in return.

