

## **The Power and Principles of A True Apostolic Community**

### **Acts 2:41-47**

**41 “Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.**

**42 And they continued stedfastly (Firm, Loyal and Unwavering) in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers.**

**43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.**

**44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;**

**45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.**

**46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,**

**47 Praising God, and having favour (free generosity and mercy) with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”**

**Introduction:** To understand and to consider with serious engaging, the assignment of becoming a replica of the early Church as an apostolic movement and community, we must look at it at its birth, so that we can see it at its best.

Analyzing without Alignment and Allegiance to its head, will never give way to the fruit of Assimilation. We can't copy and paste it's power unless we are ready to covet and taste its process and persecution. So many churches today want power without the penetrating pressures of persecution, ridicule and rejection.

I believe with every fiber of my being, and without me giving you all a dissertation of conversation regarding, how I came to this position of faith and belief. I can only tell you that my life as a Pastor, Bishop, Apostolic Leader, has come up to this very moment. The Kingdom of God is at work, shifting and reshaping and bringing the Body of Christ into a newness of revelation clarity about His Church. Many of the old guards who became stuck in patterns of popularity, pleasures and prominence, have lost their influence in heaven because of the inner desire for the things of the earth. Many of our leaders on many levels, spiritual, political and socially; **have been bought and paid for**, due to compromise; and all they can do now is bark, but they have no bite against the powers of darkness.

**“Being an idol to the people on earth without influence in the Spirit is void and vanity at its best.”**

Let's Gaze in absolute awe of the Church that Jesus wants us to become like.

## **7 Characteristics of the 1st Century Apostolic Community**

### **I. A Commitment To Developing An Apostolic Educational System v.42a**

**They continued in the apostle's doctrine...**

### **II. A Commitment To Fostering Community Through Ongoing Fellowship v.42b**

**They devoted themselves to fellowship, the breaking of bread, and prayer.**

### **III. They Created and Cultivated An Atmosphere Where the Miraculous and the Supernatural Was The Norm v.43**

**Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.**

### **IV. They Created A Sustainable Economic Ecosystem v. 44-45 All the believers were together and had everything in**

**common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.**

**V. They Were Committed To Consistent In Person Corporate Congregational Gathering (Church Attendance) v.46a**

**Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts**

**VI. Their Authenticity and Sincerity In Living Out Their Beliefs and Convictions Was Attractive v. 46b-47a**

**They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people.**

**VII. Their Commitment To Fostering A Spiritual Community Had Undeniable Social Impact Evidenced By Church Growth (Evangelism)v.47b**

**And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved**

**Growth happens when; God is Revered, Jesus Christ is Enthroned in our hearts and motives, and the Holy Spirit is free Himself to move and to move in and through us.**

You can shout all you want to, and dance, dance, dance until you get tired, but if you're not tied to the power of god and not emotions, you're just shaking and taking nothing that God has given unto you, nor getting back what the devil stole from you. **SO WHAT IT IS GOING TO BE, OR SHOULD I SAY, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO BECOME?**

**Church Membership without Spiritual Discipleship, is  
mockery in the eyes of God.**