

Patterns and Habits Part 4 – 3 Patterns that Define Church

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Mission—To lead people to become fully devoted followers of X.

Title—3 Patterns that Define Church

Acts 2:42-47 NIV

They were devoted to their comfort, happiness, personal goals, dreams, and bucket lists. No one really noticed the Christians because they focused on themselves. Very few of the believers were together, and when they were, they fought about stupid things. If they sold anything, they used the money to buy something better for themselves. They claimed to love God, but they didn't even love each other. So they felt empty, alone, and depressed. As a result, most people disliked them and very few lives were changed. Acts 2:42-47 MDV—(Modern Day Version) LOL

1. We will be an intensely devoted church.

Acts 2:42 NIV

Proskartereo—to live in a constant state of relentless pursuit; persistent, ongoing, obstinate devotion.

2. We will be an irrationally generous church.

Acts 4:33-34 NIV

Not Government meeting needs—Church

We will lead the way with irrational generosity.
Because we truly believe it is more blessed to give than to receive.

3. We will unapologetically share the love of Jesus.

Acts 2:47 NIV

We will do anything short of sin to reach people who don't know Christ.
To reach people no one is reaching, we will do things no one is doing.

We are faith-filled, big-thinking, bet-the-farm risk takers.
We'll never insult God with small thinking or safe living.

- **Read God's Word** à Be careful—God's Word is alive!
- **Serve in church** à Be careful—Serving is addictive! à start—Visiting the sick—Local missions!
- **Start tithing** à Be careful—Heart follows where you give!
- **Pray daily** à Be careful—Miracles—See God move!

We are not spiritual consumers. We are spiritual contributors.
The church doesn't exist for us. We are the church. And we exist for the world.

Ephesians 3:20-21 NIV