



## **Acts: To the Ends of the Earth**

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## Introduction

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### ❖ **Acts 2:42**

#### 1. Devotion to the Apostle's teaching

- ❖ Acts 18:11—*And he stayed a year and six months, **teaching the word of God** among them.*
- ❖ 2 Timothy 4:1-5—*I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths.*

#### 2. Devotion to Fellowship

- ❖ John 13:34-35—*A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.*

#### 3. Devotion to the Breaking of Bread

- ❖ Matthew 26:26—*Jesus took bread, and after blessing it broke it and gave it to the disciples, and said, " Take, eat; this is my body." And he took a cup, and when he had given thanks he gave it to them, saying, " Drink of it, all of you, for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.*

#### 4. Devotion to Prayer

## A healthy church's actions

#### 1. A healthy church is struck with awe

- ❖ **Acts 2:43a**

#### 2. A healthy church walks in power

- ❖ **Acts 2:43b**

- ❖ Philippians 4:13—*I can do all things through him who strengthens me.*



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- ❖ Romans 1:16—*I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes*

### **3. A healthy church gives generously**

- ❖ **Acts 2:44-46**

- ❖ Galatians 6:10—*So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith*

### **4. A healthy church grows**

- ❖ **Acts 2:47**

- ❖ 2 Corinthians 5:18-20—*All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making his appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.*