

SERMON NOTES

4orty-4our: Detonate- Acts 2 Part 11

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Acts 2:42-43 (NIV)

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Four Levels of Learning

Level One: Unconscious Incompetence I don't know what I don't know. Level Two: Conscious Incompetence Now I know what I don't know. Level Three: Conscious Competence I know what I know. Level Four: Unconscious Competence I'm not aware, and I know.

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

⁴² They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

The word "devoted" is a rather long, compound Greek word. It means to <u>"be strong toward."</u>

The early Christians were "strong toward" certain things, namely, the apostles' teaching, fellowship, breaking bread and prayer."

1. TEACHING

Colossians 3:16 (NKJV)

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.

John 8:31-32 (KJV)

³¹ Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed; ³² And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.

2. FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship (koinonia). Its root meaning is a 'belonging together in something'.

True fellowship is a spiritual reality.

1 John 1:3 (NKJV)

³ that which we have seen and heard we declare to you, that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with His Son Jesus Christ.

3. WORSHIP (Which includes: breaking of bread, prayer, generosity)

Worship started back in Luke. *Luke 24:52 (NKJV)*⁵² And they worshiped Him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,

PRAYER¬

Prayer is mentioned in one form or another 10 times in Matthew, 12 times in Mark, and 5 times in John. But Luke mentions it 19 times in his gospel and 32 times in Acts.

GIVING-

Acts 2:44-45 (NIV)

⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

4. GROWTH

Acts 2:47 (NKJV)

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2:46 (NLT)

⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—