

A Healthy Church

Acts 2:42-47

Acts 2:37-47 (HSBC)

When they heard this, they came under deep conviction and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles: “Brothers, what must we do?” “Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be baptized, each of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call.” And with many other words he testified and strongly urged them, saying, “Be saved from this corrupt generation!” So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them. And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to the prayers. Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles. Now all the believers were together and held all things in common. They sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need. Every day they devoted themselves to meeting together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with a joyful and humble attitude, praising God and having favor with all the people. And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

I. Keys to Good Health

- Physical Health
- Spiritual Health (v. 42)
 - Devoted to the Word

Paul Washer

“Our daily readings are often forgotten the moment we rise, but in time they form in us a deep and lasting reservoir of true spirituality.”

- Devoted to Fellowship
- Devoted to Breaking of Bread
- Devoted to Prayer

II. Vital Signs of Good Health

- Unity (v. 44)
- Mutual Care (v. 45; 4:32)
 - Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5)
 - Widows (Acts 6)
- Praise (v. 46-47)
- Missional Living (v. 47)

Warren Wiersbe

“The Christians you meet in the Book of Acts were not content to meet once a week for services as usual. They met daily, cared daily, won souls daily, searched the Scriptures daily, and increased in numbers daily. Their Christian faith was a day-to-day reality, not a once-a-week routine. Why? Because the risen Christ was a reality to them, and His resurrection power was at work in their lives through the Holy Spirit.”