

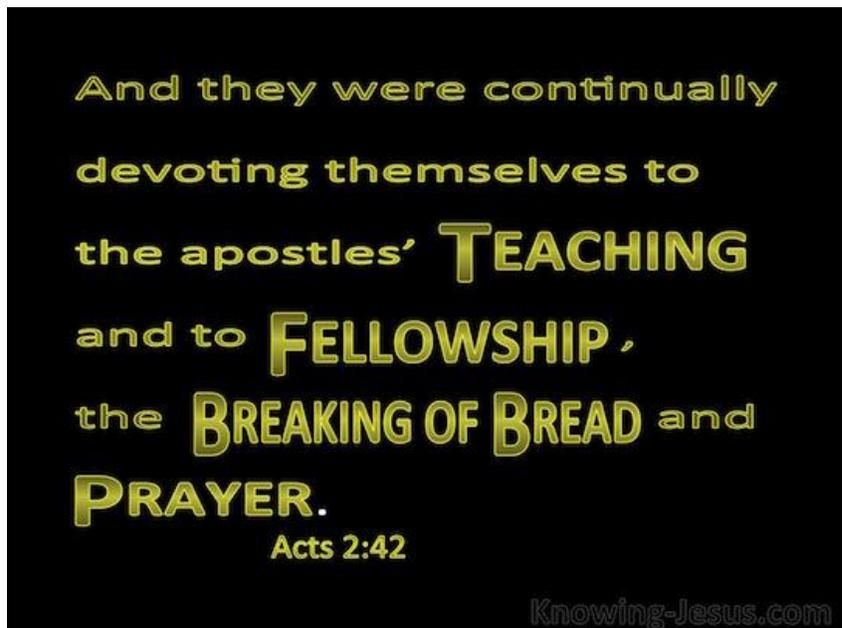
## 5--Habits of the Jerusalem Church

Acts 2:42-47

1. To review, what was the response Peter received after His message about Jesus Christ and the salvation found in Him (see Acts 2:40-41)?

2. One of the biggest mistakes a new believer might make is to focus only on their past salvation from sin. Yet, God's intent was for new believers was far more—God wanted us to be disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). In what four areas did the first 3,000 souls “continue steadfastly” in (2:42)? What do these terms mean?

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3. The NKJV says “continue steadfastly,” and the ESV uses the word “devoted themselves” in Acts 2:42. What kind of habits would we see from a disciple who is described in this way?

4. Please pay very careful attention to the source of the “teaching” these disciples continued to follow. Did they entrust their spiritual guidance to mere men or to inspired teaching? What can we learn from their example (see 2 John 9-11).

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5. The results of this new fellowship of believers are noted in verses 43-47. In verse 43, how does each person come to feel as they consider the “*wonders and signs done through the apostles?*”

6. Verse 44 says, “*Now all who believed were together...*” What can tend to happen if we isolate ourselves from one another (see Proverbs 18:1)? Why is being “together” important for us individually and the church collectively?

7. The church had a wonderful habit of sharing their things in possessions so anyone among them “in need” was cared for (Acts 2:44-45)? What do the following verses also say about this habit (Acts 4:32-37)? Why might this be especially vital for new Christians who may be making major sacrifices to follow Christ?

8. How often were these new believers found “in the temple” (Acts 2:46)? How does daily teaching and encouragement help us (see also Acts 2:47; 6:1; 17:11; 16:5; Hebrews 3:13)? How many days a week do you take time to study and learn from fellow disciples?

9. Please pay close attention to the fact these early disciples were “*breaking bread from house to house*” (Acts 2:46). Contextually, was this habit the Lord’s Supper or “*their food?*” In the Scriptures, we never see the church organizing or providing for one’s individual social meals (cp. 1 Corinthians 11:34). However, we do see individuals from the church being sociable! How do we balance the two and why do you think a distinction is made?

10. These habits enable the church to be magnified in their community. Do these habits lead to the multiplication or deterioration of the church (Acts 2:47)? Why do you think these habits can help in church growth?