

# “THE SPIRITUAL PEDIATRICS”

*(Acts 2:41 – 47)*

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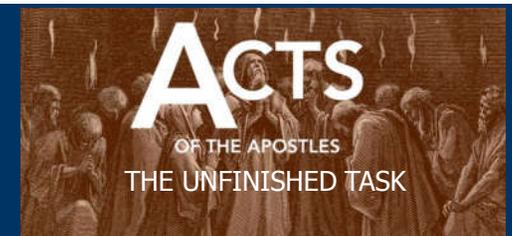
*Expository Sermon of Acts - Sermon 7*

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## I. SETTING THE SCENE

*Acts 2:41* Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

**A) They accepted Peter's gospel message.**

**B) They were saved.**

**C) They declared their salvation through baptism.**

**D) They were added to the church.**

*The church is a spiritual incubator, providing warmth and encouragement for new believers.*



## II. PRIORITIES OF THE PEOPLE

*Acts 2:42* They devoted themselves to the apostles' **teaching** and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

### **A) It provides Teaching**



*1 Peter 2:2* Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation,



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### **A) It provides Fellowship**

Every congregation has a choice to be one of two things. You can choose to be a bag of marbles, single units that don't affect each other except in collision. On Sunday morning you can choose to go to church or to sleep in: who really cares whether there are 192 or 193 marbles in a bag?

Or you can choose to be a bag of grapes. The juices begin to mingle, and there is no way to extricate yourselves if you tried. Each is part of all.

Anne Ortlund writes in her book, "Up With Worship"



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### ***A) It provides Communion***



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*Acts 2:42* They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to **prayer**.

### **A) It provides Prayer**



### III. AMPLIFICATION OF THE ACTIVITIES

#### A) *As They Were Instructed . . .*

**Acts 2:43** *Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.*



**Isaiah 6:5** *"Woe to me!" I cried. "I am ruined! For I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have seen the King, the Lord Almighty."*

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#### *B) As They Experienced Koinonia . . .*

*Acts 2:44* All the believers were together and had everything in common. <sup>45</sup> They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.



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### *C) As They Ate Together . . .*

*Acts 2:46* 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,



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#### *D) As They Continued in Prayer*

*Acts 2:47* praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.



## CONCLUSION:



As you seek to incorporate teaching, fellowship, the Lord's Supper, and prayer in your life, consider the following two principles.

*Principle 1,*

***A healthy Christian is a balanced believer.***

*Principle 2,*

***Authentic Christianity brings joy and harmony among believers.***



## CG DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. For those who are parents, do you remember what the followings days were like when you brought the baby home? How prepared were you for parenting?*
- 2. How would you describe the early church? What was it like when you read Acts 2:41-17?*
- 3. What were the four priorities that the early emphasized on in helping the new believers? How do these activities help them to grow?*
- 4. What are some results of the activities they did together continuously?*



*Scripture References:*

*Acts 2:41-47*