

BE DEVOTED

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What Makes A Great Relationship with God, part 1

Are inspiration and growth the same?

“They **devoted** themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” **Acts 2:42-47**

BIG IDEA: How do we build what lasts? It starts with picking our commitments carefully and giving consistent attention to them. At heart, that is Devotion.

1. They **COMMITTED** to truth, sharing, worship and prayer. **All-In.**

“As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector’s booth. “Follow me,” he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.”
Mat. 9:9 (4:19)

“Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.” **Matthew 16:24**

“You still lack one thing. Sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” **Luke 18:22**

2. They **PERSEVERED** in that truth, sharing, worship and prayer.

“we know that suffering produces perseverance; perseverance [produces] character; and character [produces] hope.” **Romans 5:3-4**

“...not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing” **Hebrews 10:25** CSB

3. They gave **ATTENTION** constantly to truth, sharing, worship and prayer.

“As they continued their travel, Jesus entered a village. A woman by the name of Martha welcomed him and made him feel quite at home. She had a sister, Mary, who sat before the Master, hanging on every word he said. But Martha was pulled away by all she had to do in the kitchen. Later, she stepped in, interrupting them. “Master, don’t you care that my sister has abandoned the kitchen to me? Tell her to lend me a hand.” The Master said, “Martha, dear Martha, you’re fussing far too much and getting yourself worked up over nothing. One thing only is essential, and Mary has chosen it—it’s the main course, and won’t be taken from her.” **Luke 10:38-42** TM

“Steep your life in God-reality, God-initiative, God-provisions. Don’t worry about missing out. You’ll find all your everyday human concerns will be met. Give your entire attention to what God is doing right now, and don’t get worked up about what may or may not happen tomorrow. God will help you deal with whatever hard things come up when the time comes.” **Mat. 6:33-34** TM

Are you living by inspiration or devotion?