

FOLLOWING THE MESSAGE

“We are not going to move this world by criticism of it, nor conformity to it, but by the combustion within it of lives ignited by the Spirit of God.”

~Vance Havner

- 1) **2:42 Teaching**—The church cannot operate in Truth, if it is not taught Truth.
Fellowship—Biblical fellowship requires doing life together so that we know each other well enough to speak into each other’s lives.
Breaking of bread—The celebration of the Lord’s Supper calls for self-examination and the purging of sin. It is the expression of devotion to the remembrance of the cross.
Prayer—They understood the importance of pursuing God.
- 2) **2:43** The church that fulfills its spiritual duties with the right attitude will find that those duties produce spiritual identity.
- 3) **2:43** When spiritual gifts are operating (released and deployed), God is magnified and the Kingdom is expanded.
- 4) **2:44-45** They did not sell everything and pool the proceeds into a common pot.
- 5) **2:44-45** Each believer has a responsibility to give in response to the Holy Spirit’s prompting, but is not under compulsion.
- 6) **2:46** It is no surprise that a church that was committed to the four trademarks mentioned in 2:42 was also characterized by “gladness and sincerity.”
- 7) **2:47** The life and character of this church had enormous impact.
- 8) **2:47** A church that fulfills its spiritual responsibilities will find itself reproducing.

Spiritual Duty + Spiritual Attitude = Spiritual Impact

GREEK WORDS

Proskartereō—steadfast resolve :- [single-minded} commitment to a course of action

Koinōnia (koy-nohn-ee'-ah)—partnership or sharing

Phobos—fear or holy terror, related to an awareness of divine presence, to the attitude of reverence

Aphelotēs—(sincerity) root word - “free from rocks”

TODAY’S SONGS

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