

“Renewed in 2023”
January 1, 2023
Acts 2:42-27

Acts 2:42, *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

1. Renew Your Commitment in GROWING Together

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

Colossians 3:16, *Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.*

Colossians 2:6, *So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness.*

Philippians 4:9, *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.*

“Growth is the only evidence of life.”

- John Henry Newman

2. Renew Your Commitment to GET Together

Acts 2:44, *All the believers were together and had everything in common... ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.*

Psalms 42:1, *As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. ² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God?*

Hebrews 10:25, *Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

“Every believer is commanded to be plugged in to a local church.”
- David Jeremiah

Psalm 34:3, *O magnify the Lord with me, And let us exalt His name together.*

“Scripture speaks very clearly to the fact that identification with God's people in a formal, public way was considered essential in... New Testament times... A careful study of the New Testament doesn't reveal even a hint of any believer who was truly saved, but not part of a local church.”
- Wayne Mack

3. Renew Your Commitment to GIVE Together

Acts 2:45, *They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need... ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

Romans 12:9, *Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. ¹¹ Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. ¹² Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer. ¹³ Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*

Titus 3:8, *This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.*

1 Thessalonians 5:15, *Make sure that nobody pays back wrong for wrong, but always strive to do what is good for each other and for everyone else.*

Hebrews 6:10, *God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him as you have helped his people and continue to help them.*

“The highest form of worship is the worship of unselfish Christian service.”
- Billy Graham

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“God has chosen us to help one another.”

- Smith Wigglesworth