

RESONATE
Upside Down Living
Secrets of the Early Church
Acts 2: 42-47

The Big Picture

Jesus started one organization and its called The Church. The Church is on this earth for three reasons: to exalt God, to edify believers, and to evangelize the lost. It is essential that we keep these principles in their proper balance. Every church is called to all the above in order to be strong and healthy.

Key Points

The Original Template (Ephesians 4:15-16)

The goal of any church should not be to be “grow big” or to “stay small,” but instead to be faithful to what God has called us to do.

1. Exalt God (Ephesians 1:12, 1 Corinthians 6:19-20)
2. Edify Believers (Colossians 1:28)
3. Evangelize the World (Mark 16:15)

They were a W.E.L.L. church (Acts 2:42-47)

W–Worshipping

E –Evangelistic

L –Learning

L – Loving

It could have been a temptation for the early believer to look back on Pentecost and pray for the Lord to do that again and again. But instead, we find them reveling in the Word of God. And what is true of the church is also true for individuals. If you are really “spirit-filled” you will be drawn to the Word of God.

An Alarming Trend (2 Timothy 4:2-3, Matthew 10:7, 1 Corinthians 1:21)

It seems in some churches today that questions are the new answers. And sermons are being replaced by discussions. But God’s primary way of reaching people has been through preaching and teaching and this will never change.

Fellowship with other believers is important (Malachi 3:16, 1 John 1:3)

When you isolate yourself from fellowship you will get discouraged.

Take Action

Pray for a revival in the church today; that all Christians would have a burning desire for God’s Word.