

Daily Devotional

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Theme: A Strong Family

Text: Acts 2:42-47 NIV

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he 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.

Thought: In a study by Dr. Nick Stinnett, reported on by Chuck Swindoll in "Growing Wise in Family Life," it was found that there are six main qualities in strong families: 1. Each member of the family is committed to the family. 2. They spend time together. 3. They have good family communication. 4. They express appreciation to each other. 5. They have a spiritual commitment. 6. They are able to solve problems in a crisis.

As I read this I couldn't help but think how it just as aptly applies to the church. A strong church is committed to the congregation of which they are a part. They devise times of fellowship in order to spend time together. There is an openness of communication between leaders and laity. Compliments to each other flow freely. Their commitment to God and His ways become evident to all. And they work together to overcome any crisis. In short, a strong church becomes a strong family!