



## **The Local Church in Overdrive**

Acts 2:42-47

**Listen!** What are your “devotions”?

**Why are we talking about this?** The things to which I am deeply and continually devoted drive my choices and my choices determine my outcomes.

**The Central Truth:** The four continual devotions of the first generation Christians....resulted in daily salvations and an awesome “feel” to the church.

- First Devotion: to know and obey the Word. (the apostles’ teaching.)
- Second Devotion: to fellowship with the believers. (“sharing”)
- Third Devotion: to worship (breaking of bread).
- Fourth Devotion: to prayer.
  
- The First Result of the Devotions: daily salvations.
- The Second Result of the Devotions: the good feel of awe.

**Core Application:** Do we, individually and corporately, have the devotions of a Spirit-controlled group?

# “Walking Papers”

Practical helps for walking the Christian walk this week.

## The Central Idea:

**Following Christ is a daily deal.** Please take some time each day this week to think through these questions and ideas:

- **Today.** Have I taken personal responsibility for knowing, internalizing, and living the Word with the result that I am being transformed? What must I do?
- **Monday.** Have I taken personal responsibility for regular, sacrificial, other-focused sharing (New Testament “fellowship”) with other believers? What must I do?
- **Tuesday.** Have I taken personal responsibility for faithfulness in individual and corporate worship? What must I do?
- **Wednesday.** Have I taken personal responsibility for a life of dependence, communication, and confession to God through prayer? What must I do?
- **Thursday.** Honestly, how does it “feel” to be part of CBC? Part of your family? Part of your work team? Part of your recreation crowd? Why?
- **Friday.** On a blank sheet of paper write down an honest inventory of your devotions and an honest inventory of the choices that are driven by those devotions and an honest inventory of the outcomes that you experience in life as a result of those devotions and choices.
- **Saturday.** Please read and reflect on Acts 3:1-10 for tomorrow.

***“Devotions lead to choices and choices lead to outcomes.  
So, good outcomes can ultimately be traced back to good  
devotions which result in good choices.”***