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Sunday, November 16, 2014

**“DEVOTED TO PRAYER”**

(Acts 1:12-14)

The church in the book of Acts was devoted to the Savior, devoted to one another, devoted to the mission of making disciples. Underscoring and empowering their devotion was a devotion to prayer. Today we will seek to better understand their devotion and then put it into practice in an extended prayer time.

**1. Devoted - \_\_\_\_\_** (Psalm 95:1-7, ESV).

**2. Devoted - \_\_\_\_\_** (Psalm 139:23-24, ESV).

**3. Devoted - \_\_\_\_\_** (1 John 1:7-9, ESV).

**4. Devoted – \_\_\_\_\_** (2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV).

**1. Notice the word “\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**2. They “joined together \_\_\_\_\_ in prayer...”**

**3. They “\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**4. They continued in “\_\_\_\_\_”.**

**5. They united in prayer “\_\_\_\_\_”.**

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (James 5:13-16, ESV).*

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*“Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself, unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me”* (John 15:4, ESV).

**1. Devoted - Reverence.**

*“Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise! For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed he dry land. Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand”* (Psalm 95:1-7, ESV).

**2. Devoted - Reflection.**

*“Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts! And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting!”* (Psalm 139:23-24, ESV).

**3. Devoted - Repentance.**

*“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (1 John 1:7-9, ESV).

**4. Devoted - Requests.**

*“If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chronicles 7:14, ESV).*

- 1. Notice the word “ALL”.**
- 2. They “joined together CONSTANTLY in prayer...”**
- 3. They “JOINED TOGETHER”.**
- 4. They continued in “PRAYER”.**
- 5. They united in prayer “DETAILS”.**

*“Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working” (James 5:13-16, ESV).*