

Acts 2:42-43 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles.

Acts 2:44-46 (NIV)

All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. ⁴⁶ Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

PRACTICES of the EARLY CHURCH

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When we take part in the Lord's Supper

- As **OFTEN** as we **DO** this
- **EVERY TIME** we Eat the **Bread** and
Drink the **Cup**
- **PROCLAIM His Death** announce for
ALL the hear
- **WAIT Expectantly** for His Coming

Matthew 28:19 (NIV)

...**GO and make disciples** of all nations,
BAPTIZING them in the name of
the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit...

EVERYONE Who has...

➤ **ADMITTED-** they are sinners and **NEED** a Savior

Romans 6:23 (NIV) For the **WAGES** of sin is **death**, but the **GIFT** of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

EVERYONE Who has...

- **By FAITH Accepted-** Jesus' offer of Forgiveness

Ephesians 2:8-9 (ESV) For **BY GRACE** you have been saved **through FAITH**. And this is **NOT** your own doing; **it is the GIFT of God**,⁹ **NOT a result of works**, so that no one may boast.

EVERYONE Who has...

- **Seeking to SUBMIT to God in Daily Obedience** (this is **Discipleship**)

Romans 6:13 (NIV) Do not offer the parts of your body to sin, as instruments of wickedness, but rather **offer yourselves to God**, as those who have been **brought from death to life**; and offer the parts of your body **to Him as instruments of righteousness.**

Luke 8:1, 3 (NIV)

...Jesus traveled about from one town and village to another, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom of God...

³...**These women were helping to SUPPORT them** out of their own means.

Matthew 27:55 (NIV)

Many women were there, watching from a distance. They had followed Jesus from Galilee **to CARE for His needs.**

Matthew 6:3-4 (NIV)

But **WHEN you give to the needy,**
do not let your left hand know what your
right hand is doing, ⁴ **SO THAT**
your giving may be in secret...

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)

Now **about the collection** for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the **first day of every week, each one of you** should set aside a sum of money **in keeping with his income**, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

Each man should give what **he has**
decided in his heart to give,
not reluctantly or under **compulsion**,
for **God loves a cheerful giver.**

STEWARDSHIP acknowledges that we do **NOT** have the **CONTROL** over ourselves **OR** our property - **God has that control.**

It means **as stewards of God** we are **managers** of that which **BELONGS to God**, and we are under His authority... gotquestions.org

GIVING is...

- a PRIVILEGE
- a form of WORSHIP
- an INVESTMENT

SUGGESTIONS FOR GIVING...

1- Give **REGULARLY**

2- Decide on a **PERCENTAGE** to Give

3- As God Blesses Pray about
INCREASING Your Giving

Only one life to offer
Jesus, My Lord and King
Only one tongue to praise Thee,
And of Thy Mercy sing
Only one heart's devotion
Savior, O may it be
Consecrated alone to Thy matchless
glory, Yielded fully to Thee.

Only one life to offer
Take it dear Lord, I pray;
Nothing from Thee withholding,
Thy will I now obey,
Thou who has freely given
Thine all in all for me,
Claim this life for Thine own to be used,
my Savior, Every moment for Thee.