

# THE CHURCH'S FOUNDATIONS

## (PART 2) ACTS 2:42-47

*How did you see God working in your life this week? (Romans 1:11, 12)*

BACKGROUND: Jesus said, "I will build My church."—**Matthew 16:18**

**PRAYER**—Our Lord taught the disciples how to pray, and now the disciples, under the leading of the Holy Spirit are teaching the new believers how to pray. Prayer is the means by which you and I can go into the presence of God and have communion with Him. "We do not just go on our knees and offer up some pious hopes and fears and aspirations and our own thoughts, No, we are going to have communion with the living God!" Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Authentic Christianity, page 165. (**Acts 2:42, Hebrews 4:16, fn 4:16, Luke 5:16, fn 5:16, Philippians 4:4-7, fn 4:6, 7**) *Why is it vital for your family that you pray?*

**GIVING**—"They (the early Christians) shared their goods because they were generous, and they were generous because they had learned generosity from God. God had been generous with them." James M. Boice, Acts, page 60. (**Acts 2:44, 45, fn 2:44, II Corinthians 8:1-9, fn 8:2-5, II Corinthians 9:6-15, fn 9:7, I John 3:16-19, fn 3:17, 18**) *How can you know what to give to the Lord?*

**EVANGELISM**—These new devoted followers of Christ had a powerful testimony to the unsaved world not only because of the miracles but also because of the way they loved each other and served the Lord. Warren Wiersbe, Be Dynamic, p. 34. (**Acts 2:44-47, fn 2:47, Titus 2:9, 10, II Timothy 4:2, 5, fn 4:1, 2, I Peter 3:15, fn 3:15, Philemon 6**) *Why is your salvation unique and with whom could you share your faith?*

*Pray for one another's needs.*

*Who in your group needs your encouragement by phone or personal attention?*