

# "CHURCH LIFE IN THE FIRST CENTURY"

## ACTS 2:42-47

### I. THE CONTINUAL PRACTICES OF THE FIRST CHURCH IN JERUSALEM (2:42)

- A. They Committed Themselves To The Observance Of & Submission To Apostolic Instruction
- B. They Committed Themselves To Genuine *Fellowship* Among Themselves
- C. They Committed Themselves To "*The*" *Breaking Of Bread*
- D. They Committed Themselves To "*The*" *Prayers*

### II. THE PROFOUND IMPACT ON THE OUTSIDE WORLD (2:43)

- A. The Miraculous Works Of The Apostles Triggered Fear In the Lost
- B. The Watching World Had A Respectful Demeanor Toward Them

### III. THE COMMUNITY OF MATERIAL GOODS (2:44-45)

- A. These Statements Explain How This Church In Jerusalem Could Continue Over So Long A Time And Remain Preoccupied With God
- B. These Statements Were Never Meant To Be Understood As An Ordinary Practice To Be Perpetuated By God's People

### IV. THE DAILY LIFE OF THE ASSEMBLY (2:46-47)

- A. They Met Collectively Every Day *With One Accord* (2:46a)
- B. They Met Privately Every Day For *Breaking Bread From House to House* (2:46b)
- C. They Maintained A Thankful & Undistracted Focus (2:46c)
- D. They Praised The Lord Every Day (2:47a)
- E. They Enjoyed Favor Among All The People (2:47b)
- F. They Experienced A Constant Increase In Their Numbers (2:47c)