

CHARACTERISTICS OF THE EARLY CHURCH

Acts 2:42-47 Real Christianity is a Lovely Thing



Characteristics of the Early Church Summary Acts 2:42-47

- **It Was A Learning Church---**
 - Listening to the Apostles As They Taught
 - Looked Forward Instead of Backward
“Riches of Christ are Inexhaustible”
 - Learning Something New Every Day
“We Should Penetrate More Deeply into the Wisdom and Grace of God.”
- **It Was A Church of Fellowship---**
 - The Great Quality of Togetherness
 - A Band of Brothers and Sisters
- **It Was A Praying Church---**
 - They Knew They Could Not Meet Life in Their Own Strength
 - They Always Went In To God Before They Went Out to the World
 - They Were Able to Meet the Problems of Life Because They Had First Met Him
- **It Was A Reverent Church---**
 - A Sense of Awe (Fear)

- **Knowing that the Whole Earth Was Created by Him...and is the Temple of God**

- **It Was a Church Where Things Happened---**
 - **Signs and Wonders Were There**
 - **"If We Expect Great Things from God and Attempt Great Things for God...Things Happen!"**
 - **"Most Things Would Happen If We Believed that God and We Together Could Make Them Happen!"**

- **It Was A Sharing Church---**
 - **They Had An Intense Feeling of Responsibility for Each Other**
 - **A Real Christian Cannot Bear to Have Too Much When Others Have So Little**

- **It Was A Worshipping Church---**
 - **They Never Forgot To Visit God's House**
 - **Things Can Happen When We Come Together**
 - **God's Spirit Moves Upon His Worshipping People.**

- **It Was A Happy Church---**
 - **Gladness Was There**
 - **A Gloomy Christian Is Contradictory to the Fact**

- **It Was A Church Whose People Others Could Not Help Liking---**
 - **Two Greek Words for Good. Agathos simply describes a thing as good. Kalos means that a thing is not only good but looks good; it has a winsome attractiveness about it.**
 - **Real Christianity is a Lovely Thing**
 - **"There are many people who are good but with their goodness possess a streak of unlovely hardness."**

Is Our/Your Church Liked?

Do I/You Like People?

Do We Give of Ourselves To Assure Ourselves That We Are A Winsome Church?

Final Thought:

A Winsome Church Wins People To The Lord.