

Community



What is a Community?



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It is About Living Together

It is About Sharing

It is About being Dependent on one another

It is Fellowship

**Community acknowledges
we can be different but at
the same time we have
a commonality**



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It's About Time!

Commit to Community

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Act 2:42-47

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Commit to Community

Where and When are we in history?

**Around 33AD probably a few months
after “Pentecost”**

**We are in Jerusalem looking at the very first view of
the church**

Why do we keep coming back?

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The Foundation of Community

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They Fellowshiped

They "Broke Bread"

They Prayed

They Learned

And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

v. 47

The goal is to help us understand Community when it comes to "church"



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They Devoted Themselves
"Themselves"

This is a choice every individual had to make

It could not be done out of guilt

You could not be forced into this

Yourself!

Either you were doing this of your own choice, or you were not going to be doing this for long



"Come to Church"

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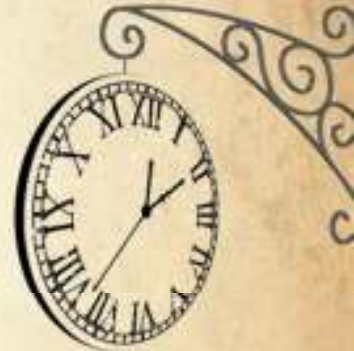


Devoted

The act of dedicating something to a cause, enterprise, or activity

The fact or state of being eagerly dedicated and loyal

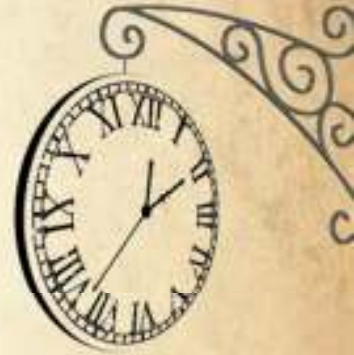
When it comes to **your relationship within the community of believers does this define **you**?**





Dedicated

Exclusively allocated to or intended for a particular service or purpose



When **you make **your** plans do things have to fit around “church” or does “church” have to fit around things?**

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

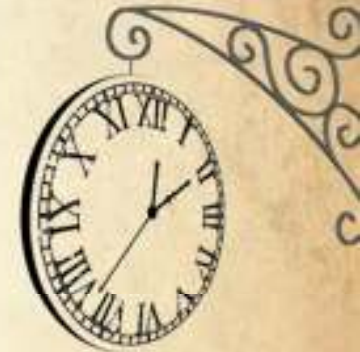
Matthew 6:21





Dedicated

You can't arrange priorities you have to make a priority



“No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Matthew 6:24

Exclusively

“You cannot approach any community with a fallback mentality





Loyal

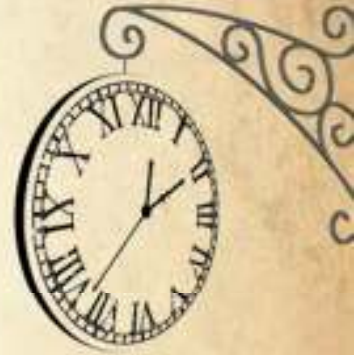
Faithful to a cause, ideal, custom, institution, or product

The fact or state of being eagerly dedicated and loyal

It's one thing to make a commitment, it's another to live it



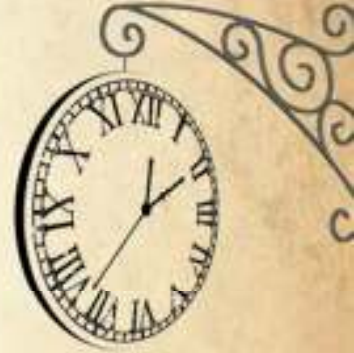
Dedicated to it I make the priority, faithful is I show up (**over and over**)



It's a Requirement

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove **faithful**.

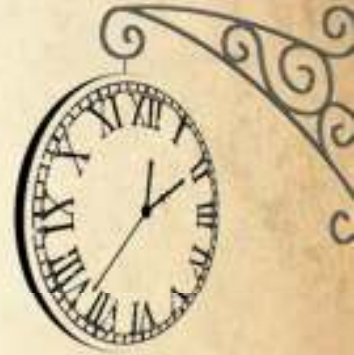
1 Corinthians 4:2



Can You be Trusted?

“Who then is the **faithful and wise servant, whom the master has put in charge of the servants in his household to give them their food at the proper time?”**

Matthew 24:45



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It's What God Rewards

His master replied, “Well done, good and **faithful** servant! You have been **faithful** with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!”

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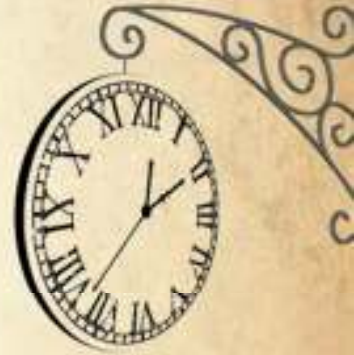
Matthew 25:21

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Eagerly

**Marked by enthusiastic or impatient
desire or interest**



Enthusiasm breeds Enthusiasm

**If you are enthusiastic about something you tell
others about it**

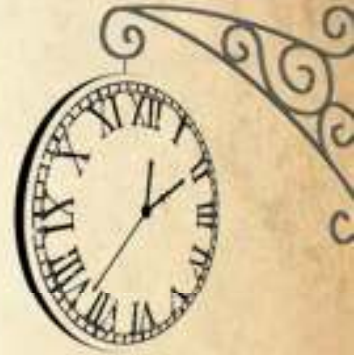
**It is something you look forward to:
impatient desire or interest**





Eagerly

They had glad and sincere hearts



I rejoiced with those who said to me, “Let us go to the house of the Lord.”

Psalm 122:1

If we are not excited about the community then why would anybody else be?



A close-up photograph of a hand winding a clock. The hand is holding a brass key and inserting it into the winding mechanism of a round clock face. The clock is mounted on a dark wooden surface, possibly a grandfather clock. The background is blurred, showing vertical wooden panels.

It's About Time!

**Without these keys we
can't wind up community**