



## Devoting Myself To My Mission

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“...you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” **Acts 1:8 (NIV)**

### ***I will be a great witness for Jesus...***

1. When I devote myself to **learning what Jesus teaches.** (v.42a)

*They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching...*

*Accept my teachings and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in spirit, and you will find rest for your lives.*

**Matthew 11:29 (NCV)**

*Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn't contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual. They are life.*

**John 6:63 (GWT)**

*But dedicate your lives to Christ as Lord. Always be ready to defend your confidence in God when anyone asks you to explain it.*

**1 Peter 3:15 (GWT)**

2. When I devote myself to **God's family.** (v.42a)

*They devoted themselves to... fellowship...*

*... they were like family to each other.* **Acts 2:42a (CEV)**

*All the believers kept meeting together, and they shared everything with each other. <sup>45</sup> From time to time, they sold their property and other possessions and distributed the money to anyone who needed it. <sup>46</sup> The believers had a single purpose and went to the temple every day. They were joyful and humble as they ate at each other's homes and shared their food.* **Acts 2:44-46 (NIV)**

*A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.* **John 13:34-35 (NIV)**

3. When I devote myself to **accepting God's love.** (v.42)

*All the believers devoted themselves to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper)...* **Acts 2:42 (NLT)**

*This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: "Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners"—and I am the worst of them all. <sup>16</sup> But God had mercy on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a prime example of his great patience with even the worst sinners. Then others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life.* **1 Timothy 1:15-16 (NLT)**

*We carry the death of Jesus in our own bodies so that the life of Jesus can also be seen in our bodies.* **2 Corinthians 4:10 (NCV)**

4. When I devote myself to **depend on God's power.** (v.42)

*They devoted themselves to...prayer.*

*... pray continually...* **1 Thessalonians 5:17 (NIV)**

*Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. <sup>7</sup> Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.* **Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT)**