



PENTECOST SUNDAY

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**A GLORIOUS  
VICTORIOUS  
CHURCH!**

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# THE ACTIVITY MODEL OF THE EARLY CHURCH

**Acts 2:42 (NLT)** — All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer.

*Devoted: to persevere devotedly ( v.p.a) — to persevere in some activity or cause to the point of devotion.*

1. **Apostles Teaching:** That which Jesus had taught them (Mt. 28:20)
2. **Fellowship:** (Koinonia) participation fellowship n. — the act of sharing in the activities or privileges of an intimate association or group; especially used of marriage and churches. (Involved in the lives of each other)
3. **Meals /Communion:** Lord's Supper
4. **Prayer**

# THE ATTITUDE MODEL OF THE EARLY CHURCH

**Acts 2:43–47 (NLT) — 43** A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. **44** And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. **45** They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. **46** They *worshiped together* at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—**47** all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

1. Awe: Profound respect; reverential fear...resulting in miracles, signs and wonders
2. Met Together and Generously Shared to Meet Needs of Body
3. Worship & Praise Together Daily at the Temple
4. Met Joyfully in Homes for communion and fellowship



# THE STRUCTURE OF THE EARLY CHURCH

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**1. Apostles: Govern** Pioneer; Visionary. Military term; Sent into enemy territory to subdue and teach ways of God. Possess Spiritual authority and grace to fight battle on highest spiritual level. Operate in tremendous spiritual authority and serve as generals at the highest level of spiritual warfare; Will receive much opposition in spirit realm and in their sphere of authority. Often seen not just in church but also in business/marketplace. Identifies and makes changes/decisions to advance the Kingdom of God; master builders and strategists and never satisfied with maintaining and are always looking to take back territory from Satan; have authority to war for territories; teach and preach in way to bring spiritual understanding; resolve conflicts and solve problems while looking at the bottom line; shields others in times of warfare (cover); high character & accountability

Naomi Dowdy "Strength to Stand"

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**2. Prophets: Guide** Have an unshakeable witness of being called; not just prophetic but operate in office of the prophet; recognized by others as sharing the gift; possess the “three A’s”: anointing , accuracy and authority; marked by character, a prophetic spirit, and the ability to bear the Lord’s burden. Prophets are uniquely anointed to deal with sin in the church or body of Christ; serve as watchmen to give warnings before something happens; have a warring spirit; help prepare God’s people for the work of ministry and bringing them to maturity; work with Apostles to build the local church; very open to the spiritual realm and often move powerfully in the healing ministry of a church; helps others move into God ordained areas of their lives through encouragement and support. Helps others to judge and discern revelation coming into the church; On peer level with Apostle but submit to the Apostle.

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- 3. Evangelist: Gather** in the lost; Messenger who proclaims the good news of Christ; emphasis on preaching gospel to lost; brings others to salvation; trains others to win souls; works in coordination with the local church and helps build/grow the church; has a passion to win souls individually and in groups of people.
- 4. Pastors: Guard** shepherd, tend to and have direct oversight of the flock/church; leads the flock to “safe waters”; apt to teach. Pastor & Elder often used interchangeably. Office ordained by God and Elder ordained by men.
- 5. Teachers: Ground** Teach and edify the church; ground the believers in the truth of the Apostles teaching (the full canon of Scripture). Teachers are “pastors” as they lead the flock to safe understanding of Word of God.



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- **1 Corinthians 12:28 (ESV)** — And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, helping, administrating, and various kinds of tongues.
- **Romans 12:6–8 (NLT)** — 6 In his grace, God has given us different gifts for doing certain things well. So, if God has given you the ability to prophesy, speak out with as much faith as God has given you. 7 If your gift is serving others, serve them well. If you are a teacher, teach well. 8 If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.

# IMPACT CHURCH IS AN APOSTOLICALLY LED AND PROPHETICALLY DIRECTED CHURCH WHOSE GOAL IS:

Apostolic-Prophetic Foundation mandates the “*church*” to become a true “Ekklesia” which means...

1. **Spiritual Warfare Will Happen: Mt. 16:18** “...upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of Hades will not prevail over it”
2. **Prophetic Revelation is Required: Ephesians 3:10 (TPT)** —The purpose of this was to unveil before every throne and rank of angelic orders in the heavenly realm God’s full and diverse wisdom revealed through the church.
3. **Transformation Is an Ugly Process: Acts 17:6 (ESV)** — ...“These men who have turned the world upside down
  1. *Turned...upside down*: to upset v. — to disturb the balance or stability of.; to incite to revolt, to cause to rebel; to stir up