

Abide – Devoted to Thrive – Week 3 – 1-19-25 – Pastor Bill

1. What does Thriving in life look like to you?
2. What does thriving spiritually look like to you?
3. What would you say that you are devoted to in life?

Acts 2:42-47 - They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ All the believers were together and had everything in common. ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ 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, ⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

4. What are some things that stand out to you that the 1st century Christians were devoted to?
5. What are ways that we can be devoted to the apostles teaching today?
6. What's one way that you could be more devoted to God's Word?
7. What does fellowship mean to you?
8. How can you be more devoted to other believers? Why would this be important as a Christian?
9. The 1st century Christians devoted themselves to breaking bread together. Why is eating together important?
10. What's one thing you can do to be more devoted to 'breaking bread' together with other believers?
11. What does 'being devoted to prayer' look like for you?
12. How could you be more devoted to prayer? How would that change your life?

Matthew 22:36-40 - "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. ³⁹ And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' ⁴⁰ All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."

13. Jesus summed up what God expects by saying 'love God and love people'. How is this reflected in the lives of the 1st century Christians?
14. How could this be reflected more in our lives today?
15. What role do we as Christians play in spiritually thriving? What role does God play?
16. What does your schedule indicate you are devoted to?

Romans 12:2 - ² Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.

Romans 12:10 - ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

17. What stands out to you about how the 1st century Christians were devoted to one another?
18. Who in your life are you devoted to? How does this impact your life? How does it impact their life?
19. How can you help someone else thrive spiritually this year?
20. What will you do differently in 2025 to spiritually thrive?