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*The Bridge Bible Fellowship*  
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Acts 2:41-47

### **“The Local Church Part Six: Memories of the Early Church – Part Six”**

- A. Who?
- B. What?
  1. Identity
  2. Commitment
  3. Doctrine
  4. Fellowship
  5. Communion
  6. Prayer – lit., “the prayers”
  7. Awe of God
  8. Confirming Power
  9. Sacrificial sharing
  10. One mindedness
  11. Worship
  12. Joy, “gladness”

#### **13. “Sincerity of heart”**

**Sincerity of heart** = sincerity; simplicity; singleness of heart.

- Lit. = “Rock-free” or “smooth” as a field cleared of stones.
- Nothing to stub your toe or cause you to trip!

#### **Application:**

- Are there things in our lives right now that would cause others to stumble if they knew about them? If so, take the time right now to repent and walk sincerely.
- Do we find it difficult to open up and let others know that we have struggles? Why or why not?

#### **14. Testimony**

**Favor** = favor, grace, charity, credit (Prov. 16:7; 1 Tim. 3:7)

- “toward” or “face to face with”

**Application:**

- Do we have a good testimony with our family, friends, neighbors, business associates...? What would make it better?
- Are there things in our lives that would be a stumbling block for an unbeliever? Anything that would make them speak negatively about Jesus Christ?
- Are our lives so filled with God's joy & hope that people are asking what makes us different (1 Peter 3:15)?

**15. Evangelism****The Lord was adding**

**To their number** (Heb. 3:13; 10:24-25; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4; 1 Jn. 2:19)

**Day by day****Those who were being saved****Application:**

- Is evangelism a natural outgrowth of our relationship to the Lord Jesus and His Church? Why or why not?
- Are we prepared to clearly share our personal testimony at any time? Take the time to write out your testimony in different lengths: 10 minute, 3 minute, and 1 minute.
- Are we prepared to clearly share the gospel of Jesus with others? Write out an outline of the content of the gospel that you would share.
- Are we witnessing to people regularly? If not, why not?