

Why the Bible? > Acts 2:42a

2:42a *They devoted themselves...* A snapshot of Christian living from the early church: those who trust Christ devote themselves (give their attention to, prioritize) to four practices as a congregation. They respond to God by dedicating themselves to his pattern of faith and life.

2:42a *...to God's teaching.* The first priority of Christ's church is that it is focused upon, formed by, and gives its attention to God's word. The apostles taught the good news of God fulfilled in Jesus Christ. The church must believe, respond to, live by, and tell of this message to others.

The Point: God's people are formed by God's word. We dedicate ourselves to learning and living in response to what God has said and done through our Savior.

Prayer: Lord, it is so easy to listen to everyone else before we listen to you. Give us a hunger for your truth. Form us into a congregation who wants to hear from you through your word, so that we would faithfully trust The Word, Jesus Christ. Enable us to treasure our Savior by hearing all that you have said and done and will accomplish, and then give us the opportunity to live out and to share what you have said.

Application: What are you devoting yourself to? Christians devote themselves to what God has said matters most. How will you devote yourself to respond to the teaching of God's word? How will you uphold God's word in our congregation?

Here is how I will apply these truths: _____
