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## Searching for Truth: The Daily Devotion of the Christian Life

**Speaker:** David Robinson      **Scripture:** Acts 2:40-47

### Sermon Notes:

1. The Christian faith is not only true, but it must be applied.
2. Man is the head of the home, but the wife is the crown of her husband (Proverbs 12:4).
3. The Christian life is not mystical solitude with God.
4. The Puritans properly applied Christianity to everyday normal life: family, business, employment, etc.
5. Religion was the engagement of duty; the Christian should be the best husband, father, employee, etc., to glorify God.
6. To be the best husband, a man must lay down his life for his wife and nourish and cherish her.
7. The Christian faith informs everything that we do.
8. Whatever you do, do it with all your heart as to the Lord (Col. 3:23-24).
9. We need to be faithful and disciplined to do our work well.
10. The early Christians were devoted, steadfastly, and single mindedly, to the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers (Acts 2:42).
11. The work of the Spirit regenerates us and empowers and changes us to live the Christian life (Phil. 1:6).
12. The Holy Spirit is conforming us to the image of Christ. Yet, we are to actively pursue excellence for God.
13. The apostles' teaching is not gospel teaching in a narrow sense. They taught the whole counsel of God from His Word (Acts 20:27).
14. God's Word sustains and guides (Deut. 8:3; Ps. 119:105).
15. If we are not devoted to God's Word we will walk in darkness and we will die.

16. Knowledge of scripture requires obedience. To know God, we must obey Him (John 8:31-32).
17. The Christian life is devoted to the apostles' teaching, listening and obeying God's Word.
18. The Christian life is devoted to fellowship; there is no such thing as a churchless Christianity.
19. Fellowship is concrete, daily shared life with one another. We are members of one body (1 Cor. 12:26).
20. The needs of others are our needs (Romans 12:13).
21. Commitment to a body of Christians means hard work: we are to bear with and to forgive one another (Col 3.12-13).
22. We need to open up about our problems in humility, and to be willing to bear others' problems (Acts 2:42-47).
23. We are to be devoted to hospitality and sharing our lives (Romans 12.13).
24. Being devoted to the breaking of bread means being devoted to the Lord's Supper and eating every meal with a glad and sincere heart, praising God (Acts 2:46-47).
25. Over meals we can open up with other believers about our needs, praying for one another.
26. Life is oriented toward God, devoted to work and prayer.
27. We need to be devoted to prayer, so that we may be filled with the Holy Spirit, united in heart and soul, and speak the Word of God with boldness (Acts 4.23-32).
28. When we are devoted to the apostles' teaching, the fellowship, the breaking of bread, and the prayers, God will add to our number those who are being saved.

### Application Questions

1. Write a one page sketch of your own life and evaluate it.
2. List several characteristics of a normal Christian life.
3. How are we empowered to live the Christian life?
4. Why do we need to do our best at whatever we do?
5. What is the relationship between trusting and obeying scripture and understanding it?
6. In what ways are hospitality and sharing meals an essential component of the Christian life?