

## Reading, Writing & Arithmetic

Acts 2:41-47

41 Then those who gladly received his word were baptized; and that day about three thousand souls were added to them.

42 And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

43 Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles.

44 Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common,

45 and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

46 So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

47 praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

Acts 5:13-14

13 Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

14 And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Acts 6:1

1 Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a murmuring against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution.

Acts 6:7

7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

"Phil, I heard you flew to California on vacation," said Irlene.

"I'll bet that was great!"

"No, Irlene," Phil replied, "that was bad. When I got there, I missed the bus from the airport to my hotel."

"Oh," said Irlene, "that's bad."

"No," Phil replied, "that wasn't bad. I got a taxi, and the driver was very friendly."  
Irlene: "That's good."

"No," said Phil, "that's bad. The transmission in the taxi broke before we even got away from the airport."

"Oh," said Irlene, "that's bad!"

"No," Phil replied, "that was good. Reverse gear still worked, so we weren't altogether stranded."

"Oh," Irlene said, "that's good!"

"No," said Phil, "that's bad. The driver decided to drive me all the way to my hotel, backwards."

"Whoa!" Irlene replied, "That's bad!"

"No," said Phil, "that was good. When we finally did get to the hotel, the driver owed me six dollars and forty cents."

- Everything is a state of progression
- Cooking
- Directions
- Job
- Instructions
- Building blocks

1<sup>st</sup> thing you start with when building a house is the foundation

Skyscraper in Atlanta

- Built building
- 14<sup>th</sup> floor all windows would shatter
- Off 3 degrees in foundation
- Could not stand the strain

READING

- What am I putting in?
- You are what you eat!

THE LORD ADDED DAILY

- From their personal experience came the opportunity for God to add
- DAILY
- God must do the adding

## WRITING

- What I have taken in, then allows me to give something out
- Life and death is in the power of the tongue
- Speak things that are not, as though they are

## Psalm 127:1

Unless the LORD builds the house, They labor in vain who build it;

WHEN WE BEGIN TO SHARE OR TEACH WHAT WE HAVE, IS WHEN THE RULES GET MESSED UP!

- $2+2=4$
- $2*3=6$
- God has different rules

They begin to share what God had done for them, with everyone they met and God begin to multiply their efforts.

- On grain of corn produces 1000 more per ear, sometimes 2 ears per stalk
- Law of sowing and reaping
- You will always reap infinitely more than you sow
- We must quit inviting and start sharing what God has done for us

PENTECOST IS AN EXPERIENCE!!!!

They went from adding people daily to adding a multitude daily.

MINISTRY OR SERVANTHOOD PRODUCES AN EVEN GREATER EFFECT. FROM A MULTITUDE DAILY TO NOW MULTITUDES DAILY, AND MINISTRIES WERE BIRTHED FROM ALL OF THIS.

- Are you inviting or sharing?
- What will come from us if we will continue, share, and then minister to a need?
- Philip, & Steven both came from the ministers!

## ARITHMETIC

- Law of the Harvest

- Sowing and reaping

God subtracts, then adds, and finally will multiply!

We must quit focusing on numbers, us, or even our circumstances. We must focus on sharing and ministering, and let God do the adding and the multiplying!