

Some Assembly Required

Acts 2:41-47

41 Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls.

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

43 And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles.

44 And all that believed were together, and had all things common;

45 And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

46 And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47 Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.

What importance do ingredients, and the right measure, have in the quality of the end result?

4 Essential Ingredients To Establishing And Growing A Church:

1. Doctrine

Doctrine you a foundation to launch from. We must believe in something; something Bible based! We must be true from top to bottom (Nursery, Children's, Youth, Family, & Seniors). We are not a production or stage show!

2. Community

We are all responsible; we're in this together! We are only as strong as our weakest link! "A threefold cord is not easily broken." We must have a spirit of unity, as well as unity within our ranks.

3. Fellowship

Our strength comes from our variety. I must become "connected" to you and you to me, or we will not stand. What do you know about your neighbor? Do you feel connected? Are we together?

4. Spirituality

“Except the Lord build the house...” Hype, spiritual gifts, and emotions do not result in spirituality! God always moves in organization. The miracle that takes place is not a coincidence, but an end result of time and commitment. God is always going to move; we must be prepared. “And the Lord added to the church daily!”