

Your Personal Ministry- Acts 2:42

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I. Introduction.

- A. There are four key words for effective ministry.
- B. You have to help people if you want to grow.
- C. Text: Acts 2:42.

II. Doctrine.

- A. Doctrine is truth.
- B. This is what a person believes in all the basic areas of life.
- C. An original investigation of the Bible is the basis of personal conviction. (Proverbs 2:1-5)
- D. We need to be strong in the first principles of the Bible. (Hebrews 5:12)
- E. Men we train should know our doctrine. (II Timothy 3:10)

III. Fellowship.

- A. Our fellowship is in Jesus Christ. (I John 1)
- B. Levels of fellowship with others.
 - 1. In the gospel. (Philippians 1:5)
 - 2. In the person of the Spirit. (Philippians 2:1)
 - 3. In Jesus' sufferings. (Philippian 3:10, Luke 22:28)
- C. We need an advocate. (I John 2:1)

IV. Breaking the bread.

- A. This is in addition to the sacrament of communion.
- B. This can refer to sharing possessions. (Acts 2:42)
- C. This can refer to hospitality. (Romans 12; I Corinthians 16:15)

V. Prayer.

A. Agree together in prayer. (Matthew 18:19)

B. This is sharing one's relationship with God.

VI. Conclusion. We want to finish the work God gave us to do. (John 17:4)

Application questions:

1. How can you teach a young Christian doctrine?

2. How can we strive for deeper fellowship with believers? Explain.

3. Why is prayer a critical component of training young Christians?
