

## Week 6 | How To Have A House Church



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Welcome to *How To Have A House Church* week on **The Dallas Morning Show!**

This week we will study the anatomy of the early Church, which was birthed on the Day of Pentecost. We're going to find out how we can begin to adopt the culture of the Acts church by doing the same, simple things they did, and by arming ourselves with the same attitude of love.

God bless you, as we go straight to the Bible to find out how to have Church in the end-times!

Peace In Christ,

-Monica



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Day 26 | Monday

New Wineskins: How To Have Church At Your House



### Daily Notecard

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#### FOCUS SCRIPTURES

#### Acts 2:42-47 (NET) | Fellowship In The Early Church

“They were devoting themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Reverential awe came over everyone, and many wonders and miraculous signs came about by the apostles. All who believed were together and held everything in common, and they began selling their property and possessions and distributing the proceeds to everyone, as anyone had need. Every day they continued to gather together by common consent in the temple courts, breaking bread from house to house, sharing their food with glad and humble hearts, praising God and having the good will of all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number every day those who were being saved.”

#### Acts 4:32-35 (NET) | Unity And Generosity Of The Acts Church

“The group of those who believed were of one heart and mind, and no one said that any of his possessions was his own, but everything was held in common. With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was on them all. For there was no one needy among them, because those who were owners of land or houses were selling them and bringing the proceeds from the sales and placing them at the apostles’ feet. The proceeds were distributed to each, as anyone had need.”

### READ YOUR BIBLE!



To LISTEN to your assignment  
or read online [CLICK HERE.](#)

- Proverbs 21
- Acts 17
- Acts 18

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CHARACTERISTICS OF THE ACTS CHURCH

Actions

1. They devoted themselves to:
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_
  4. \_\_\_\_\_
  
2. All who believed were \_\_\_\_\_.
  
3. People who had property, possessions, lands, or houses \_\_\_\_\_ them.  
The proceeds were entrusted completely to the \_\_\_\_\_.
  
4. These proceeds were then \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, as anyone had need.
  
5. They continued to gather (choose one):
  - Once a week
  - On Sundays and Wednesdays
  - Every day
  
6. They broke \_\_\_\_\_ together from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

Attitudes

1. Reverential \_\_\_\_\_ came over them.
2. No one considered his possessions to be his \_\_\_\_\_, but held everything in \_\_\_\_\_.
3. They shared food with \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ hearts, \_\_\_\_\_ God.

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Results

1. Many \_\_\_\_\_ and miraculous \_\_\_\_\_ came about by the \_\_\_\_\_.
2. They enjoyed the good \_\_\_\_\_ of all the people.
3. God \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_ daily those who were being \_\_\_\_\_.
4. The believers were of \_\_\_\_\_ heart and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. The apostles were testifying about the \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ with great \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Great \_\_\_\_\_ was upon them all.
7. There was no one \_\_\_\_\_ among them.

✓ Check Yourself

1. Go through each characteristic of the Acts church you listed above. Make a list of the differences between the Acts church and the fellowship you attend/ have attended.  
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2. List three ways that involvement in a small, home-based fellowship better facilitates the lifestyle of the early believers, as compared to merely attending a larger meeting each week.
  1. \_\_\_\_\_
  2. \_\_\_\_\_
  3. \_\_\_\_\_

## Day 26 | Monday

### !! CHALLENGE !!

#### If you are not part of a home Bible group – start one!

1. Choose 3 - 5 friends you'd like to join you once or twice a week for Bible study. (Don't forget family!)

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_

2. Choose a video curriculum to go through with your group at [www.HomeBibleGroups.com](http://www.HomeBibleGroups.com). (If you like, you can pick 2 or 3 possibilities, then let your group decide..) Keep in mind that you can go through an average of 1 video in 1-2 meetings. (Note that some of the series have downloadable workbooks available). List your choice(s) here.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

3. Commit to a start date. Write it down here. \_\_\_\_\_

4. Commit to the regular days(s) of the week you plan to meet. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Share your decision by clicking on the **Decision** button and letting me know! As your small group progresses, please use the same button to give us updates – we want to know what God is doing in your lives!





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Day 27 | Tuesday

The Story Of Crosswind Comics



### Daily Notecard

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit.” Matthew 28:19 (NET)



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#### FOCUS SCRIPTURES

##### 1 Corinthians 12:4-7 (NET) | Different Ministries

“Now there are different gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are different ministries, but the same Lord. And there are different results, but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. To each person the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the benefit of all.”

##### Ephesians 4:11-13 (NET) | Equipped For Works Of Service

“It was [Christ] who gave some as apostles, some as prophets, some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, that is, to build up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God – a mature person, attaining to the measure of Christ’s full stature.”

##### Acts 1:7-8 (NET) | We Are Christ's Witnesses

“He told them, ‘You are not permitted to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.’”

### READ YOUR BIBLE!

▶ To LISTEN to your assignment or read online [CLICK HERE](#).

- Proverbs 22
- Acts 19
- Acts 20

## Day 27 | Tuesday (continued)

In the Body of Christ, God has appointed each of us to be ministers according to the varying gifts the Spirit gives. We are to:

- Build up the other members of the Body, equipping and preparing each other for works of service, and,
- Preach the Gospel to the whole world – bearing testimony to Jesus' resurrection, and making disciples.

### ◀ [Read or listen to Judges 6:1-16](#)

1. Did Gideon believe that he was qualified for the job God called him to do? \_\_\_\_\_
2. What excuses did he give to God? \_\_\_\_\_
3. Did God accept his excuses? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Have you ever had feelings of inferiority or self-doubt similar to those Gideon expressed to God? \_\_\_\_\_
5. Have you ever given similar excuses when faced with the thought of entering into the ministry God has for you? \_\_\_\_\_

### ◀ [Read or listen to Mark 6:34-44](#)

1. In the natural, did the disciples have the resources to provide food for all of the people? \_\_\_\_\_
2. In the natural, the five loaves and two fish were *(choose one)*:
  - Not even close to enough food to feed everyone.
  - Almost , but not quite enough food to feed everyone.
  - More than enough food to feed everyone.
3. When Jesus blessed their limited resources, and they took a step of faith by obeying His instruction to give away the little they did have, they found that they had *(choose one)*:
  - Not even close to enough food to feed everyone.
  - Almost, but not quite enough food to feed everyone.
  - More than enough food to feed everyone.

## Day 27 | Tuesday

4. Have you ever had an indifferent attitude towards those in need around you— like we see the disciples had towards the hungry crowd?\_\_\_\_\_.
5. Have you ever pulled back from engaging yourself in ministry because you “can't afford it”, or you “don't have enough resources” to go around?\_\_\_\_\_.
6. If so, was that an expression of faith in God, or of fear? \_\_\_\_\_.
7. If you choose faith instead of fear, what will the result be?\_\_\_\_\_.

### ◀ [Read or listen to Acts 4:5-22](#)

1. In the natural, did the apostles have reason to be intimidated by these religious leaders?
  - Yes
  - No

List a few of these reasons:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

2. In the view of these spiritual leaders, what was noteworthy about these uneducated men? (see vs. 13)\_\_\_\_\_.
3. What gave the apostles their courage and confidence?
  - Their money
  - Their education
  - Their high position
  - The approval of their peers
  - The fact that they had been with Jesus.
4. Where, then, can you get your confidence as you step out in obedience to Jesus?  
\_\_\_\_\_.

## Day 27 | Tuesday

### !! COMMIT YOUR HEART !!

- In your own words, write a prayer of commitment to God. Ask God to show you how you can reach out to your neighbors with the love of Christ— especially those who are hurting or in need. Then make the commitment to Him that you'll do whatever He calls you to do by faith, regardless of the cost. \_\_\_\_\_

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- **Guidelines for ministry**

**Here are a few guidelines to keep in mind as you begin to dream about the ministry God has for you and your group. These simple principles will help you to serve your neighbors in a godly and appropriate way— humbly, and with proper respect:**

- Don't put yourself in any inappropriate, or even questionable, situations with the opposite sex.
- Always be sensitive to people's privacy.
- Be careful not to meddle in areas that are none of your business. Investing your resources in another person does not give you the authority to judge them.
- Respect family relationships, remembering that God has given a husband authority over his own wife, and parents authority over their own children. In God's eyes, helping a family doesn't give you the authority to criticize their decisions, or to undermine their authority in any way. **You are not their judge, you are not their social worker...you are to be their servant. Show respect.**

## Day 27 | Tuesday

## READY, SET...

- Get together with your home Bible group, your family, or a small group of friends, and brainstorm ideas as to how you can serve your neighbors. Share with one another the people or needs God is laying on your hearts. Don't worry about how crazy it might sound— allow yourself to imagine God using you and your group to meet needs in a bigger way than you would expect! Remember the stories you just read— and remember what it says in Ephesians 3:20— that God is able to do immeasurably more than we could ask or imagine!

Also remember that every big thing starts small, that the most significant things in God's kingdom often appear to be insignificant (like the Son of God being born in a manger!), and that every person you have the opportunity to minister to is of infinite value to the King who shed His blood for them!

- If you need some help knowing where to start, here are some hints:
  - Notice the people in your world who are under stress. What can you do to alleviate it?
  - Notice the people who are lonely, unpopular, perhaps socially or physically awkward. Notice those who don't get invited out with 'the group', who have a hard time finding someone to sit with— the people who need a friend. (This could be an individual, or an entire group of people.) How can you invest in them? How can you include them in your world in such a way that they know they're important?
  - Notice the people who have needs that are not sufficiently met— for example, those who are on the verge of hunger or homelessness, or the people who are already there. Maybe you know of a group of people who need medical care— perhaps glasses, or dental work...or maybe something more serious. Ask God to show how you can invest your resources in these people in such a way that they are given dignity — so that they get the clear message that you are not just “doing your good deed for the day”, but that you are a genuine friend who respects them.
  - For a specific list of where to find Jesus when He's in need,
    - ◀ [Read or listen to Matthew 25:31-46.](#)





## Week 6 | How To Have A House Church

Day 28 | Wednesday

Miracles In The Church: The Power of Purpose



### Daily Notecard

“In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16 (NET)



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#### FOCUS SCRIPTURE

#### Acts 4:23-31 (NIV) | Power In The Church

“On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against his anointed one.’ Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against your holy servant Jesus, whom you anointed. They did what your power and will had decided beforehand should happen. Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

#### I. The Church Is Appointed To Bear Witness To God's Glory

##### A. Acts 1:7-8 (NET)

“He told them, ‘You are not permitted to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.’”

### READ YOUR BIBLE!



To LISTEN to your assignment or read online [CLICK HERE.](#)

- Proverbs 23
- Acts 21
- Acts 22

## Day 28 | Wednesday *(continued)*



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#### II. The Church Is Appointed To Be A Display Of God's Glory

##### A. Matthew 5:13-16 (NET)

“You are the salt of the earth. But if salt loses its flavor, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled on by people. You are the light of the world. A city located on a hill cannot be hidden. People do not light a lamp and put it under a basket but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before people, so that they can see your good deeds and give honor to your Father in heaven.”

##### B. Ephesians 3:10-11 (NIV)

“His intent was that now, through the church, the manifold wisdom of God should be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly realms according to his eternal purpose which he accomplished in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

 So, as the Church, God is putting you on \_\_\_\_\_. Not only for the people here on the \_\_\_\_\_, but for the \_\_\_\_\_ and authorities in the \_\_\_\_\_ realms— He is making you a city on a hill. His purpose is that you would bear witness to His \_\_\_\_\_. (see 4:09)

#### III. We Glorify God Through Good Deeds

##### A. Pagans will honor God for your honorable deeds.

##### i. 1 Peter 2:12 (NIV)

“Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

 Good \_\_\_\_\_ done in the name of Jesus bring \_\_\_\_\_ to the Father. (see 4:48)

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B. Peter and John do a good deed for a crippled man

i. ◀ [Read or listen to Acts 3:1-16](#)

a) Acts 3:9-10 (NET)

“ All the people saw him walking and praising God, and they recognized him as the man who used to sit and ask for donations at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with astonishment and amazement at what had happened to him.”

 When you do something \_\_\_\_\_ for another person in the name of Jesus, \_\_\_\_\_ is the one who is going to get the glory. (see 7:54)

- How did the people react to this good deed done by the apostles in the name of Jesus? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.
- How did the Pharisees and religious leaders react to this miracle? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

IV. Seeking A Sign vs. Seeking The Glory Of God

A. An adulterous generation seeks a miraculous sign

i. Matthew 12:39 (NIV)

“He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.'”

 Understand what an “adulterer” or an “adulteress” is. An adulteress is someone who is not \_\_\_\_\_ to her husband. She has a heart that will turn away to other \_\_\_\_\_. She's not seeking her husband as a *person*. She's seeking whatever He— or any other lover that might come along— has to \_\_\_\_\_ to her. (see 9:19)

## Day 28 | Wednesday (continued)

### B. God is NOT the only one who will be doing miracles in the last days.

#### i. Matthew 24:24-25 (NET)

“For false messiahs and false prophets will appear and perform great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect. Remember, I have told you ahead of time.”

 Jesus knows that if its only a \_\_\_\_\_ that you're after, then you'll just as easily run after a \_\_\_\_\_ force that is doing those same things – because it's the feeling you're after, it's the miracle you're after, it's a sign that you're after ...not the \_\_\_\_\_ of God. (see 10:05)

#### ii. 2 Thessalonians 2:9-11 (NET)

“The arrival of the lawless one will be by Satan’s working with all kinds of miracles and signs and false wonders, and with every kind of evil deception directed against those who are perishing, because they found no place in their hearts for the truth so as to be saved. Consequently God sends on them a deluding influence so that they will believe what is false.”

 We're not a Church that \_\_\_\_\_ after signs and wonders, but we are a Church that \_\_\_\_\_ in the miracle-working power of God – and those miracles come in many forms. Not only in the form of \_\_\_\_\_, but also in acts of service. (see 10:18)

### V. Glory In The Miraculous And The Mundane

#### A. The same apostles who were given high positions of authority in the church considered themselves to be mere servants.

#### i. Matthew 20:25-28 (NET)

“But Jesus called them and said, ‘You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions use their authority over them. It must not be this way among you! Instead whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave – just as the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.’”

 So, we will be sure not to fall into the \_\_\_\_\_ of seeking after signs themselves if we remember our purpose: to do good \_\_\_\_\_ in the name of Jesus. That means doing something \_\_\_\_\_ for our neighbor. (see 15:23)

## Day 28 | Wednesday (continued)

- B. The disciples who were given the power to do miracles** happen to be the ones who were also willing to do the “mundane”, everyday jobs of service in the Church.
- i. The disciples “waited tables” until they could no longer juggle that responsibility with their primary job, which was to pass on Jesus’ teachings.
    - a) **Acts 6:1-4 (NET)**  
 “Now in those days, when the disciples were growing in number, a complaint arose on the part of the Greek-speaking Jews against the native Hebraic Jews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. So the twelve called the whole group of the disciples together and said, ‘It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to wait on tables. But carefully select from among you, brothers, seven men who are well-attested, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may put in charge of this necessary task. But we will devote ourselves to prayer and to the ministry of the word.’”
    - ii. **Stephen, one of the men chosen** to take over those seemingly “mundane” duties for the apostles, was also entrusted by God with the ability to do miracles.
      - a) **Acts 6:8 (NET)**  
 “Now Stephen, full of grace and power, was performing great wonders and miraculous signs among the people.”
      - iii. **This administration not only performed miracles**, but effectively solved conflict and administered justice in the Church. ***The result was the establishment of a heavenly economy in which need was eliminated.*** When people witnessed this, they glorified God, coming into the household of faith in large numbers.
        - a) **Acts 4:34-35 (NET)**  
 “For there was no one needy among them, because those who were owners of land or houses were selling them and bringing the proceeds from the sales and placing them at the apostles’ feet. The proceeds were distributed to each, as anyone had need.”
        - b) **Acts 6:7 (NET)**  
 “The word of God continued to spread, the number of disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly, and a large group of priests became obedient to the faith.”

 This is the power that God has given us: to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God, to \_\_\_\_\_ the kingdom of God on the earth, and to \_\_\_\_\_ freely, as God has given to us. (see 24:27)

## Day 28 | Wednesday *(continued)*

- God is glorified when we live out the principles of His kingdom on earth, because people are able to see the results of God's wisdom. They see a display of God's sacrificial love through those who follow Christ's example as we lay down our lives for each other, and as we reach out to our neighbors with good deeds and acts of service.

### VI. We Are Created and Destined To Do Good Works

#### A. We are all ministers. By the Spirit and by grace, we each do our part.

##### i. Romans 12:3-8 (NET)

“For by the grace given to me I say to every one of you not to think more highly of yourself than you ought to think, but to think with sober discernment, as God has distributed to each of you a measure of faith. For just as in one body we have many members, and not all the members serve the same function, so we who are many are one body in Christ, and individually we are members who belong to one another. And we have different gifts according to the grace given to us. If the gift is prophecy, that individual must use it in proportion to his faith. If it is service, he must serve; if it is teaching, he must teach; if it is exhortation, he must exhort; if it is contributing, he must do so with sincerity; if it is leadership, he must do so with diligence; if it is showing mercy, he must do so with cheerfulness.”

#### B. God has prepared good works for us to do— we were born for this!

##### i. Ephesians 2:8-10 (NET)

“For by grace you are saved through faith, and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, having been created in Christ Jesus for good works that God prepared beforehand so we may do them.”

#### C. The Holy Spirit gives us power go beyond religious rhetoric— to put our faith into action by actually *doing* good deeds.

##### i. James 2:14-19 (NET)

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but does not have works? Can this kind of faith save him? If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, 'Go in peace, keep warm and eat well,' but you do not give them what the body needs, what good is it? So also faith, if it does not have works, is dead being by itself. But someone will say, 'You have faith and I have works.' Show me your faith without works and I will show you faith by my works. You believe that God is one; well and good. Even the demons believe that – and tremble with fear.”

## Day 28 | Wednesday (continued)

### D. We freely give, because we have freely received.

#### i. Matthew 10:7-8 (NET)

“As you go, preach this message: ‘The kingdom of heaven is near!’ Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse lepers, cast out demons. Freely you received, freely give.”

ii. We do these good deeds by faith in God's promise.

### VII. Asking For God's Miraculous Power

#### A. Acts 4:29-31 (NIV)

“Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness. Stretch out your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of your holy servant Jesus.”

After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

- The disciples asked God to give them power to do miracles, and also that He would grant them the \_\_\_\_\_ to speak the Word of God, even in the midst of opposition and danger.

 Remember – it is when \_\_\_\_\_ things are done in the name of \_\_\_\_\_, for another person, that God gets the glory. (see 28:59)

### VIII. Taking Our Opportunities, And Why We Should Take Heart

#### A. Galatians 6:9-10 (NET)

“So we must not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, whenever we have an opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who belong to the family of faith.”

### Where's THAT in the Bible?

Scriptures used in today's message

You'll receive power | Acts 1:7-8  
The Church on display | Eph 3:10  
Unity in the Spirit | Eph 4:3-5  
Let your light shine | Matt 5:13-16  
Good deeds | 1 Peter 2:12  
Evil generation seeks sign | Matt 12:39  
A lame man is healed | Acts 3:1-16

Created for good works | Eph 2:8-9  
Satan does “miracles” | 2 Thess 2:9-12  
Faith w/out works | Jam 2:14-19  
Different gifts, one spirit | Rom 12:3-8  
False prophets do miracles | Matt 24:24-25  
The greater is the servant | Matt 20:25-28  
Freely you've received, freely give | Matt 10:7-8  
Requesting God's miracles | Acts 4:24-31



# Week 6 | How To Become A Disciple

Day 29 | Thursday

Fasting 101: Getting To The Heart Of The Matter

 Daily Notecard

“Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.” Isaiah 1:17 (NIV)

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FOCUS SCRIPTURE

Isaiah 61:1-3 (NIV) | The Anointing

“The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is on me, because the LORD has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners, to proclaim the year of the LORD 's favor and the day of vengeance of our God, to comfort all who mourn, and provide for those who grieve in Zion – to bestow on them a crown of beauty instead of ashes, the oil of joy instead of mourning, and a garment of praise instead of a spirit of despair. They will be called oaks of righteousness, a planting of the LORD for the display of his splendor.”

READ YOUR BIBLE!

 To LISTEN to your assignment or read online [CLICK HERE.](#)

- Proverbs 24
- Acts 23
- Acts 24

## Day 29 | Thursday (continued)

### !! COMMIT YOURSELF !!

- On Tuesday, you were asked to get together with your home Bible group, your family, or a small group of friends, and brainstorm ideas as to how you can serve your neighbors. You've had time to consider your options and to pray – now the time has come to make your commitments !

1. Describe the ministry God has placed upon your heart, and your commitment to begin to fulfill that ministry. \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. How many days per week/month will you be doing this? \_\_\_\_\_

3. Any particular day of the week? \_\_\_\_\_

4. List the people who are committing to participate in this act of service with you:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_
7. \_\_\_\_\_
8. \_\_\_\_\_
9. \_\_\_\_\_
10. \_\_\_\_\_

### !! MAKE IT OFFICIAL !!

- **Make your commitment official!** – click on the “I’ve Made A Decision” button and fill us in on what you’re going to be doing, and for what period of time. I look forward to hearing from you, and may God bless you as you pursue obedience to Him!



## Week 6 | How To Have A House Church

### Day 30 | Friday

Miracles In The Church: The Power of Purpose

#### Daily Notecard

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted.”

Titus 1:15-16 (NIV)



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##### FOCUS SCRIPTURE

##### 1 Timothy 6:3-12 (NET) | Godliness, Not Riches

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- Proverbs 25
- Acts 25
- Acts 26

## Day 30 | Friday (continued)

### I. Wolves Will Come To Steal Your Purity

#### A. Acts 20:29-31 (NET)

“I know that after I am gone fierce wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. Even from among your own group men will arise, teaching perversions of the truth to draw the disciples away after them. Therefore be alert, remembering that night and day for three years I did not stop warning each one of you with tears.”

### II. Why Purity Matters

#### A. Jesus' Bride Must Be Pure

##### i. 1 Corinthians 11:2 (NET)

“For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy, because I promised you in marriage to one husband, to present you as a pure virgin to Christ.”

##### ii. Ephesians 5:25-27 (NET)

“Husbands, love your wives just as Christ loved the church and gave himself for her to sanctify her by cleansing her with the washing of the water by the word, so that he may present the church to himself as glorious – not having a stain or wrinkle, or any such blemish, but holy and blameless.”

#### B. Pictures Of Purity: Learning From The Law

##### i. Numbers 19:19-20 (NET)

“And the clean person must sprinkle the unclean on the third day and on the seventh day; and on the seventh day he must purify him, and then he must wash his clothes, and bathe in water, and he will be clean in the evening. But the man who is unclean and does not purify himself, that person must be cut off from among the community, because he has polluted the sanctuary of the Lord; the water of purification was not sprinkled on him, so he is unclean.”

 We as the Church must also be \_\_\_\_\_. We must put out anything that is not pure, because it will defile God's sanctuary, which is our \_\_\_\_\_ – we are the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord. (see 5:28)

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### ii. Ezekiel 36:25 (NET)

“I will sprinkle you with pure water and you will be clean from all your impurities. I will purify you from all your idols.”

 Here God is being specific about what He wants to cleanse us from, as the Body of Christ, as God's people – and that is our idolatry. Purity means that you are of one \_\_\_\_\_ . So when it says that your heart is impure, it means that you \_\_\_\_\_ more than one thing. (see 6:05)

### C. Matthew 22:37-40 (NET)

“Jesus said to him, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. The second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ All the law and the prophets depend on these two commandments.”

➤ To love God, and love our neighbor as ourselves – these are *pure desires*.

 If we set our minds and our \_\_\_\_\_ on these things then we have a pure heart. But impurity does not happen by simply \_\_\_\_\_ everything that's pure with evil. Impurity happens when you mix just a \_\_\_\_\_ bit of some other substance into that pure substance– it is no longer pure, but divided. (see 6:34)

## III. Can't Serve Both: Choosing Your Master

### A. James 4:8 (NET)

“Draw near to God and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and make your hearts pure, you double-minded.”

### B. Matthew 6:24 (NET)

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.”

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### C. Romans 6:16 (NIV)

“Don’t you know that when you offer yourselves to someone to obey him as slaves, you are slaves to the one whom you obey— whether you are slaves to sin, which leads to death, or to obedience, which leads to righteousness?”

 Your master is the one that you \_\_\_\_\_, and your master is also the one you worship or \_\_\_\_\_. Remember, what Jesus is looking for is a \_\_\_\_\_. He’s looking for an intimate friendship with you and I, so He wants our hearts to be pure and completely devoted to Him. It not good enough to say, “Hey, Jesus, you’re my #1 guy!...Yeah, I’ve got other lovers on the side, but you’re the one I like the best.” That doesn’t work for Him. He knows that our sinful \_\_\_\_\_ are going to try to draw us away from our pure devotion to Him. (see 8:03)

### D. 1 John 2:15-17 (NET)

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him, because all that is in the world (the desire of the flesh and the desire of the eyes and the arrogance produced by material possessions) is not from the Father, but is from the world. And the world is passing away with all its desires, but the person who does the will of God remains forever.”

 If we really \_\_\_\_\_ God, then we’re going to pursue \_\_\_\_\_ to God. If we desire the things of this world, then we are going to be in \_\_\_\_\_ to the spirit of the world. (see 9:16)

## IV. We’re Cleansed By Christ And Obedience To His Word

### A. Hebrews 10:22 (NET)

“...let us draw near with a sincere heart in the assurance that faith brings, because we have had our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water.”

### B. 1 Peter 1:2b (NET)

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### C. 1 Peter 1:22 (NET)

- i. “You have purified your souls by obeying the truth in order to show sincere mutual love. So love one another earnestly from a pure heart.”

### D. Titus 1:15-16 (NET)

“To the pure, all things are pure, but to those who are corrupted and do not believe, nothing is pure. In fact, both their minds and consciences are corrupted. They claim to know God, but by their actions they deny him. They are detestable, disobedient and unfit for doing anything good.”

### E. 2 Timothy 2:20-21 (NIV)

“In a large house there are articles not only of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay; some are for special purposes and some for common use. Those who cleanse themselves from the latter will be instruments for special purposes, made holy, useful to the Master and prepared to do any good work.”

## V. How To Handle A Wolf

### A. Identify The Wolf

#### i. Matthew 7:15-16a (NET)

“Watch out for false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are voracious wolves. You will recognize them by their fruit.”

#### ii. Profile Of A Wolf

##### a) 1 Timothy 6:3-5 (NET)

“If someone spreads false teachings and does not agree with sound words (that is, those of our Lord Jesus Christ) and with the teaching that accords with godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing, but has an unhealthy interest in controversies and verbal disputes. This gives rise to envy, dissension, slanders, evil suspicions, and constant bickering by people corrupted in their minds and deprived of the truth, who suppose that godliness is a way of making a profit.

##### b) 2 Peter 2:1-3 (NET)

“But false prophets arose among the people, just as there will be false teachers among you. These false teachers will infiltrate your midst with destructive heresies, even to the point of denying the Master who bought them. As a result, they will bring swift destruction on themselves. And many will follow their debauched lifestyles. Because of these false teachers, the way of truth will be slandered. And in their greed they will exploit you with deceptive words. Their condemnation pronounced long ago is not sitting idly by; their destruction is not asleep.”

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### c) 2 Timothy 4:34 (NET)

“For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.”

### iii. Profile Of A Good Shepherd

#### a) John 10:11-13 (NET)

“I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand, who is not a shepherd and does not own sheep, sees the wolf coming and abandons the sheep and runs away. So the wolf attacks the sheep and scatters them. Because he is a hired hand and is not concerned about the sheep, he runs away.”

#### b) 1 Peter 5:1b-4 (NET)

“I urge the elders among you: Give a shepherd’s care to God’s flock among you, exercising oversight not merely as a duty but willingly under God’s direction, not for shameful profit but eagerly. And do not lord it over those entrusted to you, but be examples to the flock. Then when the Chief Shepherd appears, you will receive the crown of glory that never fades away.”

#### c) 1 Thessalonians 2:3-9 (NIV)

“For the appeal we make does not spring from error or impure motives, nor are we trying to trick you. On the contrary, we speak as men approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel. We are not trying to please men but God, who tests our hearts. You know we never used flattery, nor did we put on a mask to cover up greed – God is our witness. We were not looking for praise from men, not from you or anyone else. As apostles of Christ we could have been a burden to you, but we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children. We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us. Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.”

 Notice that the people who come in to introduce \_\_\_\_\_ are the ones who come in with foolish and stupid \_\_\_\_\_. (12:54)

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### **B. Don't Fight With A Wolf**

#### **i. 2 Timothy 2:22-26 (NET)**

“Flee the evil desires of youth, and pursue righteousness, faith, love and peace, along with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. Don’t have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels. And the Lord’s servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will.”

### **C. Warn A Wolf Twice, Then Have Nothing To Do With Him**

#### **i. Titus 3:9-11 (NIV)**

“But avoid foolish controversies and genealogies and arguments and quarrels about the law, because these are unprofitable and useless. Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him. You may be sure that such a man is warped and sinful; he is self-condemned.”

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### VI. Keep Your Focus: Pure Devotion to Christ Expressed Through Obedience

#### A. 1 Timothy 6:6-12 (NET)

“Now godliness combined with contentment brings great profit. For we have brought nothing into this world and so we cannot take a single thing out either. But if we have food and shelter, we will be satisfied with that. Those who long to be rich, however, stumble into temptation and a trap and many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all evils. Some people in reaching for it have strayed from the faith and stabbed themselves with many pains. But you, as a person dedicated to God, keep away from all that. Instead pursue righteousness, godliness, faithfulness, love, endurance, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith and lay hold of that eternal life you were called for and made your good confession for in the presence of many witnesses.”

#### B. Matthew 10:16 (NIV)

“I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.”

### Where's THAT in the Bible?

Scriptures used in today's message

Without spot or wrinkle | Eph 5:25-27  
 All things pure | Titus 1:15-16  
 Ten virgins | Matt 25:1-13  
 Cleanse you from idols | Ezekiel 36:25  
 Reality in Christ | Col 2:16-17  
 Shadows of heavenly things | Heb 8:5  
 Can't serve God and money | Matt 6:24  
 Slave to the one you obey | Rom 6:16  
 Cleanse yourselves, you double-minded | Jam 4:8  
 Shepherd vs. hired hand | John 10:11-13  
 Cleanse yourself of the ignoble | 2 Tim 2:20-21

Turn over to Satan | 1 Cor 5:5  
 Lead by example | 1 Pet 5:1b-4  
 Sprinkled clean | Heb 10:22  
 Itching ears | 2 Tim 4:3-4 2  
 Don't quarrel | Tim 2:22-26  
 False teachers | 2 Pet 2:1-3  
 Not trying to trick you | 1 Thess 2:3-9  
 A pure virgin for Christ | 1 Cor 11:2  
 Godliness w/contentment | 1 Tim 6:6-11  
 Remove the divisive person | Titus 3:9-11  
 Unhealthy interest in disputes | 1 Tim 6:3-5  
 Shrewd as snakes | Matt 10:16



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### Weekend Homework

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### Saturday

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- Proverbs 26
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- Acts 28

### Sunday

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- Proverbs 27
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- James 1