

Acts: More Than Budgets and Buildings

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2. Understand the effectiveness of _____ (Acts 1:14).
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4. Realize that one person _____ in God's eyes (Acts 8:26-40).
5. Listen for God's _____ (Acts 16:6-10).
6. Examine what is being _____ in classrooms and pulpits (Acts 17:10-11).
7. Share our _____ stories as God opens doors (Acts 9; 22; 26).

1. The gospel cannot stay inside the _____ of a church building.

Acts 1:8 – *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 end of the earth.*

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2. God's people must pray with a _____ spirit.

Acts 1:14 – *All these with one accord were devoting themselves to prayer, together with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and his brothers.*

- Lost _____
- Kingdom _____
- Stewardship _____
- Gospel _____
- Healthy _____

3. The church should follow the _____ of early believers.

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signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.

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4. Believers need to walk _____ open doors and walk _____ from closed doors.

Acts 16:6-10 – *And they went through the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been forbidden by the Holy Spirit to speak the word in Asia. And when they had come up to Mysia, they attempted to go into Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus did not allow them. So, passing by Mysia, they went down to Troas. And a vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.*

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5. The call of God is for His followers to live _____ lives.

Acts 20:22-24 – *And now, behold, I am going to Jerusalem, constrained by the Spirit, not knowing what will happen to me there, except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and afflictions await me. But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.*

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- **Pray**
- **Give**
- **Go**
- **Send**
- **Educate**

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- Lost **people**
- Kingdom **advancement**
- Stewardship **decisions**
- Gospel **boldness**
- Healthy **relationships**

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- **Fellowship**
- **Sacrifice**
- **Worship**
- **Growth**

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- **Protect**
- **Prepare**
- **Guide**
- **Evaluate**
- **Bless**

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- **Destination**
- **Convicted**
- **Faithfulness**
- **Adversity**
- **Proclamation**