

DEVOTED



Acts 2:42-47

Warriors' Campaign 2019

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42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favour of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

“Devoted”



Lexicon :: Strong's G4342 - *proskartereō* Aa

προσκαρτερέω

Transliteration	Pronunciation
<i>proskartereō</i>	pros-kär-te-re'-ō (Key) 

Outline of Biblical Usage [?]

- I.* to adhere to one, be his adherent, to be devoted or constant to one
- II.* to be steadfastly attentive unto, to give unremitting care to a thing
- III.* to continue all the time in a place
- IV.* to persevere and not to faint
- V.* to show one's self courageous for
- VI.* to be in constant readiness for one, wait on constantly

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“Devotion is being so consumed with something so beautiful that you willingly occupy yourself diligently with it - you persevere through desire and diligence”

- Ed Anton

Discipline says I **NEED** to do it

Duty says I **OUGHT** to do it

Devotion says I **WANT** to do it

Numbers 13:17-20



¹⁷ Moses sent them to spy out the land of Canaan and said to them, “Go up into the Negeb and go up into the hill country, ¹⁸ and see what the land is, and whether the people who dwell in it are strong or weak, whether they are few or many, ¹⁹ and whether the land that they dwell in is good or bad, and whether the cities that they dwell in are camps or strongholds, ²⁰ and whether the land is rich or poor, and whether there are trees in it or not. Be of good courage (*proskartereō*) and bring some of the fruit of the land.”

Hebrews 11:24-27



²⁴ By faith Moses, when he was grown up, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter, ²⁵ choosing rather to be mistreated with the people of God than to enjoy the fleeting pleasures of sin. ²⁶ He considered the reproach of Christ greater wealth than the treasures of Egypt, for he was looking to the reward. ²⁷ By faith he left Egypt, not being afraid of the anger of the king, for he endured (*proskartereō*) because he saw him who is invisible. ²⁸ By faith he kept the Passover and sprinkled the blood, so that the Destroyer of the firstborn might not touch them.

4 Maccabees 9:5-8



⁵ You are trying to terrify us by threatening us with death by torture, as though a short time ago you learned nothing from Eleazar. ⁶ And if the aged men of the Hebrews because of their religion lived piously while enduring (*proskartereō*) torture, it would be even more fitting that we young men should die despising your coercive tortures, which our aged instructor also overcame. ⁷ Therefore, tyrant, put us to the test; and if you take our lives because of our religion, do not suppose that you can injure us by torturing us. ⁸ For we, through this severe suffering and endurance (*proskartereō*) shall have the prize of virtue and shall be with God, on whose account we suffer.

4 Maccabees 10:1-7



10 When he too had endured (*proskartereō*) a glorious death, the third was led in, and many repeatedly urged him to save himself by tasting the meat. **2** But he shouted, “Do you not know that the same father begot me as well as those who died, and the same mother bore me, and that I was brought up on the same teachings? **3** I do not renounce the noble kinship that binds me to my brothers” **5** Enraged by the man’s boldness, they disjointed his hands and feet with their instruments, dismembering him by prying his limbs from their sockets, **6** and breaking his fingers and arms and legs and elbows. **7** Since they were not able in any way to break his spirit, they abandoned the instruments and scalped him with their fingernails in a Scythian fashion.

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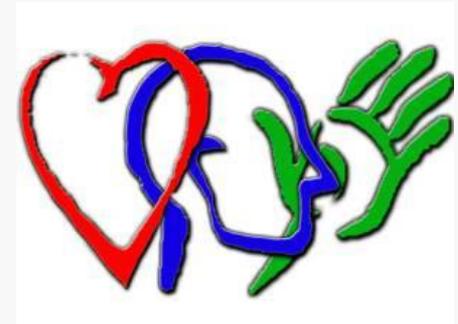
“Devotion is discipline fuelled by gratitude,
diligence ignited by wonder and duty bursting
forth in significance”

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1. Devoted to the WORD
2. Devoted to SERVICE
3. Devoted to DISCIPLINE
4. Devoted to PRAYER
5. Devoted to the MISSION



Devoted to the Word



Small Group discussion:

Now that you have a better understanding of what it means to be devoted, what would you see in someone who is truly devoted to the Word of God?



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¹³ And we also thank God constantly for this, that when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as the word of men but as what it really is, the word of God, **which is at work in you** believers.

- *1 Thessalonians 2:13*

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Building Conviction:

What work does God's Word perform in us?

- Romans 10:17
- 2 Tim 3:16-17
- Psalm 119:105
- Psalm 119: 98
- Psalm 19:7
- Psalm 19:11
- 1 Peter 2:2
- 1 Tim 4:16
- Hebrews 4:11
- Isaiah 55:11
- John 17:17
- Eph 5:26
- Psalm 119:11
- Psalm 1:3

How much of this do you experience through your current approach to Bible study?

What could you change to benefit more fully from reading the Word?

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Application:

1. Choose a book of the Bible to study in the next 1-2 months, on a daily basis
2. Pair up with another brother if possible
3. Read through it quickly in 3 translations
4. Then study it chapter by chapter with help of a good commentary
5. Apply **2 Timothy 3:16** to some key passages using the example that follows
6. Be accountable to someone wrt the above, and share with him what you are learning

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Applying 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Scripture here

Teaching

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Rebuking

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Correcting

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Training in Righteousness

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1. Start every day with prayers of gratitude for what God's love and faithfulness displayed on the cross
2. Pray also for awareness about my motivations
3. Quote 2 Cor 5:14-15 daily
4. Share with Noeleen and men I get with and ask for their prayers & feedback

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Date	Topic/Event
Midweek Wed, 13 Feb	Introduction and Devoted to the WORD
<i>Sat, 16 Feb</i>	<i>Early morning prayer then Hobie Park Run (meet at 7h15)</i>
<i>Sat, 23 Feb</i>	<i>Early morning prayer then Hobie Park Run (meet at 7h15)</i>
Midweek Wed, 27 Feb	Devoted to SERVICE
<i>Sat, 2 Mar</i>	<i>Early morning prayer then Hobie Park Run (meet at 7h15)</i>
<i>Sun, 3 Mar</i>	<i>Men-led Coffee Shop after church</i>
<i>Sat, 9 Mar</i>	<i>Men's Breakfast Talk at Pavilion (9h30 – 11h30)</i>
Midweek Wed, 13 Mar	Devoted to DISCIPLING
<i>Sat, 16 Mar</i>	<i>Early morning prayer then Hobie Park Run (meet at 7h15)</i>
<i>22-23 Mar</i>	<i>Men's Breakaway (Sat 8h30 – Sun 12h00)</i>
Midweek Wed, 27 Mar	Devoted to PRAYER
<i>Fri, 29 Mar</i>	<i>Prayer night – Siyazi's house (18h30 – 23h00)</i>
<i>Sat, 6 Apr</i>	<i>Early morning prayer then Hobie Park Run (meet at 7h15)</i>
Wed, 10 Apr	Devoted to the MISSION
<i>Sat, 13 April</i>	<i>Breakfast together (details to follow)</i>

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