

**Series: Characteristics of Devout Christians**  
**"A Transformed Life"**  
**Acts 2:44-47**

**Introduction**

Transforming people one person at a time is at the heart of God's plan for the world. Every time you take a step forward to become a-better-version-of-yourself, that action echoes through your marriage, your family, your church, and even beyond to people in the future.

1. God is in the business of \_\_\_\_\_ lives.
2. A Holy Spirit-empowered church inspires and \_\_\_\_\_ people to become the people God created them to be.
3. Roughly \_\_\_\_\_ of church members do almost everything in their church and pay almost entirely for the maintenance and mission of the local church.
4. Every single day Christian ministries around the world feed the hungry, house the homeless, clothe the disadvantaged, care for the sick, visit the prisoners, and teach and train others for \_\_\_\_\_.
5. We have the power to \_\_\_\_\_ the world.
6. The church is a community of \_\_\_\_\_!
7. If 1% more people who say they are believers would embrace their faith passionately, we would not only revolutionize our church; we could revolutionize the \_\_\_\_\_!
8. Wherever you are in your spiritual journey, whether you are significantly or barely involved four defining characteristics can change your \_\_\_\_\_.

The Four Characteristics of a Devout Christian are:

- PRAYER
- STUDY

- GENEROSITY
- EVANGELIZATION

## **I. THE FIRST CHARACTERISTIC - PRAYER**

9. Devout Christians have a daily commitment to \_\_\_\_\_.
10. Devout Christians have a daily commitment to prayer, and they stick to their \_\_\_\_\_.
11. Devout Christians have a \_\_\_\_\_ of prayer, which they cling to with great discipline.
12. Devout Christians believe they are talking to \_\_\_\_\_.
13. Devout Christians make time to pray, have a place to pray, and maintain a \_\_\_\_\_ to their prayer.
14. To be a devout Christian, develop a reliable and \_\_\_\_\_ prayer time.

## **II. THE SECOND CHARACTERISTIC - STUDY**

15. Devout Christians are continuous \_\_\_\_\_.
16. They see themselves as \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus.
17. They believe that Jesus doesn't just want followers, He wants \_\_\_\_\_.
18. Devout Christians believe Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ and is the most outstanding teacher known to humanity.
19. Devout Christians actually \_\_\_\_\_ the Bible!
20. Devout Christians explore what the Bible teaches to understand God's ways. They are eager to discover the \_\_\_\_\_.

## **THE THIRD CHARACTERISTIC - GENEROSITY**

21. Devoted Christians are \_\_\_\_\_.

22. They believe generosity is at the heart of Christianity and is proof that the teachings of Christ have taken \_\_\_\_\_ in their lives.
23. Every devout Christian believes and will tell you that the spirit of generosity starts with \_\_\_\_\_ giving.
24. Devout Christians adopt a \_\_\_\_\_ pattern of giving.
25. Devout Christians are generous \_\_\_\_\_, they are generous parents, generous with their colleagues at work, and they are even generous with strangers.
26. Generosity is not a religious \_\_\_\_\_ for devout Christians; it's a way of life! It's a way of bringing the love of God into the world of others.

### **THE FOURTH CHARACTERISTIC - EVANGELIZATION**

27. Devout Christians invite others to meet \_\_\_\_\_ and grow spiritually.
28. \_\_\_\_\_ is at the core of our Christian mission.
29. Devout Christians \_\_\_\_\_ do and say things to share Christ with other people.
30. Devout Christians will also reach out to help or \_\_\_\_\_ others to develop a vibrant spiritual life.
31. They want people to discover the \_\_\_\_\_ of knowing Christ.
32. Evangelization naturally \_\_\_\_\_ out of them.
33. In the same way, they are generous with their time and money; they generously share their \_\_\_\_\_.

### **CONCLUSION**

So, what do you think? How are you doing? Just imagine for a moment if everyone in our church did these four things regularly and intentionally. What if each one of us intentionally:

1. Spent five to ten minutes each day in prayerful conversation with God.
2. Read two or three chapters of the Bible or a great Christian book each day.
3. Gave 1 percent more of our income to support the mission of this local church than we did last year.
4. Did one thing each week to share our faith with someone else.

When we become convinced, "I can do that!" our lives begin to flood with hope... and hope is an incredible thing. We need believers to be filled again with that hope. It's a hope that causes us to realize that we have something of immeasurable value to offer to the world. When the people of God are full of hope, incredible things begin to happen.

ANSWERS:

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| 1. Transforming | 22. Root         |
| 2. Helps        | 23. Financial    |
| 3. 10%          | 24. Biblical     |
| 4. Ministry     | 25. Friends      |
| 5. Change       | 26. Requirement  |
| 6. Faith        | 27. Jesus        |
| 7. World        | 28. Evangelism   |
| 8. Life         | 29. Regularly    |
| 9. Prayer       | 30. Mentor       |
| 10. Routine     | 31. Joy          |
| 11. Habit       | 32. Flows        |
| 12. God         | 33. Spirituality |
| 13. Structure   |                  |
| 14. Regular     |                  |
| 15. Learners    |                  |
| 16. Students    |                  |
| 17. Disciples   |                  |
| 18. Alive       |                  |
| 19. Read        |                  |
| 20. Truth       |                  |
| 21. Generous    |                  |