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"PENTECOST PRODUCT" Acts 2:42-47 December 4, 2016

Intense <u>effort</u>, coupled with awe-filled <u>worship</u> spawns authentic <u>community</u>.

- I. Only the Lord grows the church. (47b)
- II. Growing in Christ is <u>hard work</u>. (42) "Devoted" means <u>continuous intense effort</u>
 - A. <u>Growth</u> through the apostles' teaching: doctrinal truth.
 - B. Fellowship: We don't grow well alone!
 - C. Breaking of bread
 - D. Prayers
- III. Awe-filled Worship (43)
 - A. Both <u>inside</u> and <u>outside</u> of the church, people were filled with awe.
 - B. Spills out of the overwhelming sense of God's holiness and His stunning forgiveness of our sins in Jesus.
- IV. Authentic Community (44-47)
 - A. A giving community.
 - B. Persisting together.

<u>Centrifugal</u> worship develops centripetal growth. (47)

How does this apply to me?