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# A Healthy Church

**Acts 2:42-47**

*Theme: A healthy church is characterised by worship, evangelism, love, and learning.*

## A. Why is health important?

It is foundational.

It leads to growth.

## B. What indicates that a church is not healthy?

1. Living in the past.
2. Displaying a maintenance mentality.
3. Focusing on programs.
4. Prone to making excuses.

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5. Having an unflattering reputation in the community.
6. Losing sight of the centrality of the gospel of God's grace.

*We must constantly assess  
ourselves!*

Prefix each of the above with  
*Are we ...*

Suffix each of the above with ...?

# The Characteristics of a Healthy Church

1. Commitment to the Apostles' Teaching (2:42).

The gospel of grace.

The first Christians were *learners*.

*Our challenge is to mirror such commitment!*

## 2. Commitment to the Fellowship (2:42, 44-45).

Christians were committed to a common life in two senses:

(i) **Theologically** - a common share **in** the Trinity.

(ii) **Practically** – they shared **out** among each other.

The first Christians were **lovers**.  
Jn. 13:35.

*Our challenge is to mirror such  
fellowship!*

### 3. Commitment to Worship

Breaking of Bread and prayer (2:42, 46-47a).

The first Christians were worshippers. The essence of worship took precedence over the form.

*Our challenge is to mirror such worship!*

## 4. Commitment to evangelism (2:47b).

The first Christians were  
**evangelists**.

*Our challenge is to mirror such  
evangelism!*

# Conclusion—A W.E.L.L. Church

A healthy church is a:

**W** orshipping

**E** vangelising

**L** earning

**L** oving

Church

***Let us purpose to become a  
W.E.L.L. church!***