

## BREATH OF LIFE: YOU, YOUR SPIRITUAL GIFT, AND THE CHURCH

### “The Ministering Church” Acts 2:42-47

#### Introduction

The Bible presents the church as “the people of God, the community and body of Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit” (*The People of God*, 17). The Christian church historically is “. . . a community founded on the teachings of Jesus Christ, His redemptive death and resurrection, and the gift of the Holy Spirit, seeking to be a holy priesthood, and declaring the wonderful deeds of God. . .” (1 Peter 2:5, 9). We are embarking upon a series of Bible lessons that will instruct us in what it means to be “the church” and our role in it!

#### I. Placing the Church in Its Proper Context

##### A. What Do We Mean by “the Church”?

- 1.
- 2.

##### B. Features of a Healthy Church (Acts 2:42-47)

1. Abiding in the Apostle’s teaching (v. 42)
2. A climate of awe (v. 43)
3. An attitude of oneness and love
4. Fellowship was marked by worship and joy
5. Tangible signs of growth (v 47b)

##### C. Being a Healthy Church: Total Body Ministry (See Diagram)

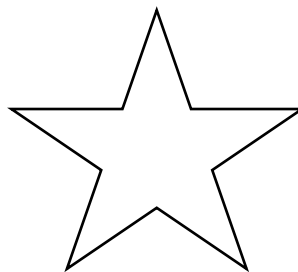
#### THE MINISTRY STAR

Acts 2:42-47

Worship  
Verses 46-47

Proclamation  
Verse 47

Teaching  
Verse 42



Ministry  
Verse 44

Fellowship  
Verse 42

## **II. Total Church Life: Being A *Ministering* Church Today**

**A. Proclamation (*Kerygma*)**

**B. Teaching (*Didache*)**

**C. Fellowship (*Koinonia*)**

**D. Worship (*Leitourgia*)**

**E. Ministry (*Diakonia*)**

## **III. Spiritual Gifts for a Ministering Church**

**A. Administration** (1 Corinthians 12:28)

1. Bible meaning

2. Bible examples

3. Practical

**B. Leadership** (Romans 12:8)

1. Bible Meaning (Two Greek words “prohistem” and “spoude”)

2. Bible Example

3. Practical

**C. Pastor/Teacher** (Ephesians 4:11)

1. Bible Meaning

2. Bible Example

3. Practical