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The Four Ingredients to a Healthy Fellowship

- 1 The application of the Gospel
- 2 The continuance in the Gospel
 - 3 The Fear of God
 - 4 Community & Thankfulness

Read Acts 2:38-47

In verse 41, we see the first ingredient to a Healthy Fellowship, namely, the acceptance and **application to hearing the Gospel.** The scriptures say there were about 3,000 baptized in application to Peter's sermon in one day! But that wasn't enough to ensure good health amongst those who believed on the Lord Jesus.

The scripture proceeded in verse 42 and 46, stating that they devoted themselves to the Apostles teaching and to fellowship. This is critical because without devotion you'll never see the real results of your decision. So, their *commitment to continue in the Gospel* ensured a healthy atmosphere for the seed of Christ to grow. In verse 43, we see something that's almost being completely lost in this generation which is the *fear of God.* The Bible says in Proverbs, that the fear of the Lord is the beginning of Wisdom. This new fellowship had the right perspective of who God truly was and stood in awe of Him. The *fear of God* is the 3rd ingredient.

Lastly, in verses 44-46, we see the seal of what a healthy fellowship has - a sense of **community and thankfulness**. They were willing to give so no one lacked. They were denying themselves the things that most people worship (money & possessions). This created a vibrant atmosphere where God's presence rested. And they met daily. Not Wednesday and Sunday, everyday! And the Lord saw a healthy fellowship which merited more souls being added.

What ingredient is your fellowship missing? Are you even a part of a local body of believers? I believe this list is not exhaustive but shows us the success of the early church which is definitely a model.

-Elder Rashid Tillis



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"The Organic Gospel" Author: Gary C. Price & Maisha Hunter

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