

Intro: “Wanting to do something that makes a difference.”

1. Are you saved and willing to stand for Jesus?

Acts 2:41 (HCSB)

⁴¹ So those who accepted his message were baptized, and that day about 3,000 people were added to them.

Matthew 10:32-33 (HCSB)

³² “Therefore, everyone who will acknowledge Me before men, I will also acknowledge him before My Father in heaven.

³³ But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny him before My Father in heaven.

The first way we are commanded to stand for Jesus is through Baptism.

Matthew 28:18-20 (HCSB)

¹⁸ Then Jesus came near and said to them, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

¹⁹ Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, **baptizing** them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

²⁰ teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Acts 2:38 (HCSB)

³⁸ “Repent,” Peter said to them, “and be **baptized**, each of you, in the name of Jesus the Messiah for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

Acts 8:12 (HCSB)

¹² But when they believed Philip, as he proclaimed the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, both men and women were **baptized**.

2. Are you Sticking to the basics; are you steadfast?

Acts 2:42 (HCSB)

⁴² And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayers.

Acts 2:46-47 (HCSB)

⁴⁶ And every day they devoted themselves [to meeting] together in the temple complex, and broke bread from house to house. They ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

⁴⁷ praising God and having favor with all the people. . . .

“Devoted” = “Continued Steadfastly” = proskarterountes = unto + enduring

Continued Steadfastly In Seven Basics:

- **Doctrine, and studying the word of God**
- **Fellowship**
- **Lord's Supper (In homes)**
- **Prayer**
- **Meeting Together; Temple and House to House**
- **Eating together with "gladness and simplicity of heart"**
- **Worship**

3. Are you sharing by giving generously?

Acts 2:44-45 (HCSB)

⁴⁴ Now all the believers were together and had everything in common.

⁴⁵ So they sold their possessions and property and distributed the proceeds to all, as anyone had a need.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (HCSB)

⁷ Each person should do as he has decided in his heart—not out of regret or out of necessity, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Matthew 6:21 (HCSB)

²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

4. Are you in awe of the Savior's power to change lives?

Acts 2:43 (HCSB)

⁴³ Then fear came over everyone, and many wonders and signs were being performed through the apostles.

Acts 2:47 (HCSB)

⁴⁷ . . . And every day the Lord added to them those who were being saved.

Invitation: First to ask God to change your life and the lives of those around you.