

#### **1 Kings 8:22–23**

22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in front of the whole assembly of Israel, spread out his hands toward heaven 23 and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.

#### **1 Kings 8:54–61**

54 When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the LORD, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven. 55 He stood and blessed the whole assembly of Israel in a loud voice, saying:

<sup>56</sup> "Praise be to the LORD, who has given rest to his people Israel just as he promised. Not one word has failed of all the good promises he gave through his servant Moses. 57 May the Lord our God be with us as he was with our fathers; may he never leave us nor forsake us. 58 May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep the commands, decrees and regulations he gave our fathers.

<sup>59</sup> And may these words of mine, which I have prayed before the LORD, be near to the LORD our God day and night, that he may uphold the cause of his servant and the cause of his people Israel according to each day's need, 60 so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other. 61 But your hearts must be fully committed to the Lord our God, to live by his decrees and obey his commands, as at this time."

#### 1 Kings 9:3

3 The Lord said to him: "I have heard the prayer and plea you have made before me; I have consecrated this temple, which you have built, by putting my Name there forever. My eyes and my heart will always be there.



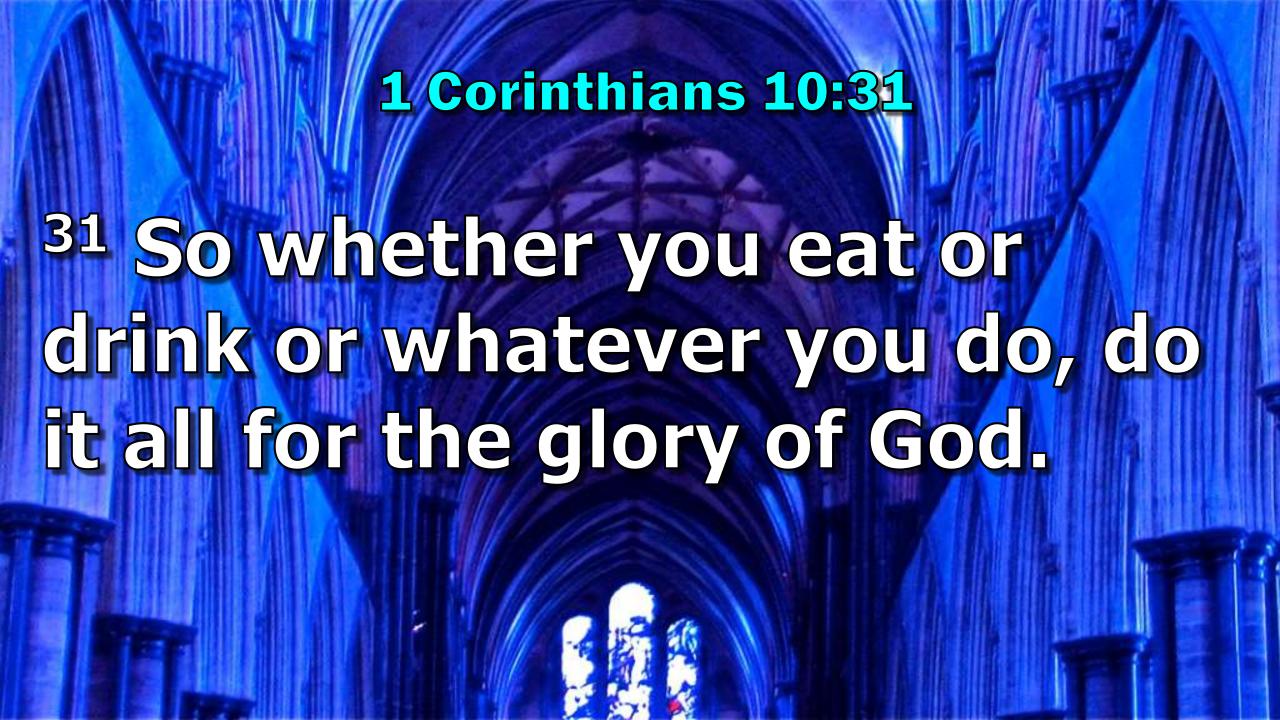


#### 1. Let Us Dedicate to Our

### Purpose

1 Kings 8:23<sup>23</sup> and said: "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below—you who keep your covenant of love with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.--(NIV)





#### 2. Let Us Dedicate to God's

### Plan

1 Kings 8:58 <sup>58</sup> May he turn our hearts to him, to walk in all his ways and to keep the commands, decrees and regulations he gave our fathers.

#### A. We Devote Ourselves to \_

Worship

1 Kings 8:11<sup>11</sup> The priests could not continue their service because of the cloud, for the glorious presence of the Lord filled the Temple of the LORD.-- (NLT)

#### **Psalm 29:2**

<sup>2</sup> Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.-- (NIV)

#### **Psalm 27:4**

4 One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple.

## B. We Devote Ourselves to Evangelism.

1 Kings 8:60<sup>60</sup> so that all the peoples of the earth may know that the LORD is God and that there is no other.-(NIV)

#### **Luke 14:23**

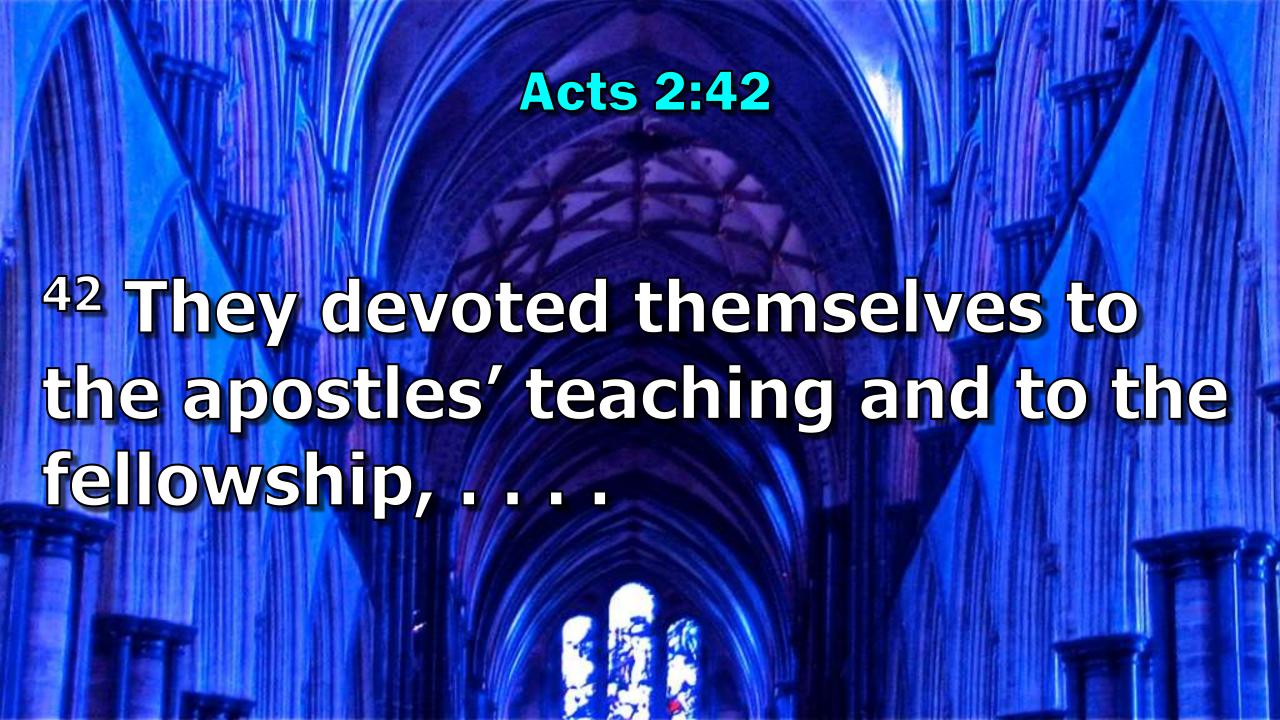
23 Then the master said to the servant, 'Go out into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, that my house may be filled.-- (NKJV)

#### **Acts 1:8**

<sup>8</sup> But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

## C. We Devote Ourselves to Christian Fellowship

1 Kings 8:22<sup>22</sup> Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in front of the whole assembly of Israel, (NIV)



# D. We Devote Ourselves to Christian Education

1 Kings 8:58 <sup>58</sup> May the Lord help us obey him and follow all the laws and teachings he gave our ancestors.-- (CEV)

### **Matthew 28:19–20**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, . . . , <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. . . . "-- (NIV)

# E. We Devote Ourselves to Christian Ministry.

1 Kings 8:55<sup>55</sup> He stood and in a loud voice blessed the entire congregation of Israel:-- (NLT)



#### F. We Devote Ourselves to

### Prayer

1 Kings 8:54 <sup>54</sup> When Solomon had finished all these prayers and supplications to the Lord, he rose from before the altar of the Lord, where he had been kneeling with his hands spread out toward heaven.

#### Isaiah 56:7

<sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. Their burnt offerings and sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations."

# 3. Let Us Dedicate Ourselves with Passion.

1 Kings 8:23b 23 . . . with your servants who continue wholeheartedly in your way.





