

Sunday Series: **Perfecting The Imperfect**

Title: **Doing the Perfect Thing (Paggawa ng Perpektong Bagay)**

Text. Acts 2:42-47

#### INTRODUCTION:

- For this month, our theme is about “Perfecting the Imperfect” the big Idea of this is “We are flawed human beings, but because of Jesus Christ, we can receive forgiveness of sins, and with the power of the Holy Spirit, we can follow God’s word more and more each day.”
- Para sa buwan na ito, ang ating tema ay tungkol sa "Pagperpekto sa Hindi Perpekto" ang ideya nito ay "tayo ay may kapintasan na mga tao, ngunit dahil kay Hesukristo, maaari tayong makatanggap ng kapatawaran ng mga kasalanan, at sa kapangyarihan ng Banal na Espiritu, maaari nating sundin ang salita ng Diyos ng higit pa sa bawat araw. "
- Many of us have tried various ways to improve our condition, but it has not been as good as we would like it to be.
- Marami sa ating gumawa ng ibat-ibang paraan para maging maayos lang ang ating kondisyon, pero hindi parin naging maayos ayon sa gusto natin.
- Today, we will learn the Testimony of the early believers on how they lived and done perfectly the will of the Lord in an environment that is not perfect, pleasing at all. The same kind of condition we are facing now.
- Ngayon, malalaman natin ang Patotoo ng mga naunang mananampalataya sa kung paano sila namuhay at ginawang ganap ang kalooban ng Panginoon sa isang kapaligiran na hindi perpekto, nakalulugod man. Ang parehong uri ng kundisyon na kinakaharap natin ngayon.

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- The Background of our text is seen in Acts 2:40-41, where Peter concluded his first Apostolic sermon by telling the People to save themselves from imperfect and corrupt generations.
- Ang Background ng ating teksto ay nakikita sa Mga Gawa 2: 40-41, kung saan tinapos ni Pedro ang kanyang unang Apostolikong pangangaral sa pamamagitan ng pagsabi sa tao na iligtas ang kanilang mga sarili mula sa hindi perpekto at masamang henerasyon.
- They are living in an unpleasant condition which is some kind similar also to our time today.
- Nakatira sila sa isang hindi kasiya-siyang kondisyon na kung saan ay isang uri na katulad din sa ating panahon ngayon.
- The Bible has taught them to do some things for them to be preserved and live victoriously in their imperfect and challenging situation.
- Itinuro sa kanila ng Bibliya na gumawa ng ilang mga bagay para mapangalagaan sila at mabuhay ng matagumpay sa kanilang hindi perpekto at mapaghamong sitwasyon.

There are Perfect things they have done as a Church in an Imperfect Condition.

Mayroong mga Perpektong bagay na nagawa nila bilang isang Simbahan sa isang Hindi Perpektong Kondisyon.

1. They Continually and Faithfully devoted themselves to the Apostle teaching. v. 42  
Patuloy at Matapat nilang inialay ang kanilang mga sarili sa pagtuturo ng Apostol.

- <sup>42</sup> They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the **instruction of the apostles**, and to fellowship, to <sup>[a]</sup> eating meals together and to prayers.
- **Apostles Teachings or Christian Doctrine is the foundation of their Christian life.**
- **Ang Mga Pangaral Ng Mga Apostol o Doktrinang Kristiyano ay ang pundasyon ng kanilang buhay Kristiyano.**
- There is no church life possible apart from prominence give to the Word of God.
- **Walang posible na buhay sa simbahan maliban sa katanyagan na ibibigay ng Salita ng Diyos.**
- It's simply learning more about God!
- **Ito ay simpleng pag-aaral nang higit pa tungkol sa Diyos!**
- **Apostles Teaching (Doctrine) is a Safeguard** for believers against the *danger of error!*
- **Ang Pagtuturo ng Mga Apostol (Doktrina) ay isang Pag-iingat para sa mga mananampalataya laban sa panganib ng mga mali!**
- In John 8:31, Jesus told His disciples, "If you continue in My Word, then are you indeed My disciples, and you shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free"
- **Sa Juan 8:31, sinabi ni Jesus sa Kanyang mga disipulo, "Kung magpapatuloy kayo sa Aking Salita, sa gayon kayo ay Aking mga disipulo, at malalaman ninyo ang katotohanan at ang katotohanan ay magpapalaya sa inyo"**

## 2. They Continually and Faithfully devoted themselves to Fellowship.

**Patuloy at Matapat nilang inilaan ang kanilang sarili sa pakikipagtulungan at pakikisama.**

- <sup>42</sup> They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, **and to fellowship**, to <sup>[a]</sup> eating meals together and to prayers.
- It keeps us both growing **vertically** with God, & **horizontally** to each other **at the same time**.
- **Pinapanatili tayong lumalago nang patayo sa Diyos, at pahalang sa bawat isa nang sabay.**
- **You cannot have fellowship with the Lord and then you have no fellowship with the Church or fellow believers. Or vice versa.**
- **Hindi pwedeng may pakikisama ka sa Panginoon tapos wala kang pakikisama sa Simbahan o kapwa mananampalataya. O vice versa.**
- Fellowship = *koinonia*. "To partner, to share in common interest." "A deep association".
- A **Partnership** that involves **Participation**.
- **Isang Pakikipagsosyo na may kasamang Pakikilahok.**
- It's a **relationship** not an **activity**, not just **being social**, not **superficial friendliness!**
- **Ito ay isang relasyon hindi isang aktibidad, hindi lamang pakikipag-kapwa, hindi mababaw na pagkamagiliw!**
- v.44 "And all those who had believed [in Jesus as Savior] <sup>[c]</sup> were together and had all things in common [considering their possessions to belong to the group as a whole]."
- They shared what was common & that was? **Christ!** And now they also had the Holy Spirit in their life.
- **Ibinahagi nila kung ano ang pagkakapareho nila at iyon ay? si Kristo! At ngayon mayroon din silang Banal na Espiritu sa kanilang buhay.**
- **"We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love each other. Anyone who does not love remains in death" 1 Jn.3:14**

- Did you know that 3 from 9 fruit of the spirit mentioned in Galatians can be done with being *in association with* other believers?
- Alam niyo bang 3 mula sa 9 bunga ng espiritu na nabanggit sa Galacia ay maaaring magawa sa pakikisama sa ibang mga mananampalataya?
  - 1<sup>st</sup> 3 are **God-ward** - love, peace, joy.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 are **man-ward** - *longsuffering, kindness, goodness.*
  - Last 3 are **inward** - faithfulness, gentleness, self-control
- **Fellowship is a Safeguard:** for believers against the *danger of coldness!*
- Ang pakikisama ay isang proteksyon para sa mga mananampalataya laban sa panganib ng panlalamig!

### 3. They Continually and Faithfully devoted themselves to Breaking of bread.

Patuloy at Matapat nilang inialay ang kanilang mga sarili sa Pagputol ng tinapay.

- <sup>42</sup>They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to <sup>la</sup>eating meals together and to prayers.
- So, some reasons for doing the communion together:
  - Ilang mga kadahilanan para gawin ang komunyong sama-sama:
    1. The Lord commanded it (Do this in remembrance of me);  
**Iniutos ito ng Panginoon (Gawin ito bilang pag-alaala sa akin);**
    2. To preserve the doctrine (the Lord wanted to preserve the truth throughout the ages, proclaiming His death till He comes!);  
**Upang mapanatili ang doktrina (nais ng Panginoon na panatilihin ang katotohanan sa buong panahon, ipinahahayag ang Kanyang kamatayan hanggang sa Siya ay dumating!);**
    3. To preserve the unity of the church (1 Cor.10:16)  
**Upang mapanatili ang pagkakaisa ng simbahan (1 Cor.10:16)**
- **Breaking of Bread is a Safeguard** for believers against the *danger of shallowness!*  
Ang Pagpuputol ng Tinapay ay isang Pag-iingat para sa mga naniniwala laban sa panganib ng pagiging mababaw!

### 4. They Continually and Faithfully devoted themselves to Prayer.

Patuloy at Matapat nilang inialay ang kanilang mga sarili sa Panalangin

- <sup>42</sup>They were continually *and* faithfully devoting themselves to the instruction of the apostles, and to fellowship, to <sup>la</sup>eating meals together and **to prayers.**
- **They continued steadfastly... in prayers.** Whenever God's work is done, God's people gather for prayer and worship.
- Nagpatuloy sila ng matatag ... sa mga panalangin. Kailan man tapos ang gawain ng Diyos, ang mga anak ng Diyos ay nagtitipon para sa pagdarasal at pagsamba.

What is prayer? (Ano ang panalangin?)

1. It's to enter the Holiest place! (Pumasok ito sa Pinakabanal na lugar!)
  - Heb.10:19-23
2. Prayer is uttering your Thanksgiving! (Ang panalangin ay binibigkas ang iyong Pasasalamat!)
  - If we realize **who God is & what He has done**, thanksgiving will have a very prominent part in our prayers.  
Kung napagtanto natin kung sino ang Diyos at kung ano ang Kanyang nagawa, ang pasasalamat ay magiging isang prominenteng bahagi ng ating mga panalangin.
3. Prayer is giving your Supplication!
  - **Ang pagdarasal ay nagbibigay ng iyong Pagsusumamo!**
  - Let your **requests** be made known to God. Philip.4:6.  
**Ipaalam sa Diyos ang iyong mga kahilingan. Philip.4:6.**
  - **Philippians 4:6 (NIV)**

It's not easy to keep **walking straight ahead**, & to **keep pure & clean** in a sinful and corrupt world.  
Hindi madali ang patuloy na paglalakad nang direktso, at panatilihing dalisay at malinis ang buhay sa isang makasalanan at tiwaling na mundo.

This is why the early Christians prayed! **Ito ang dahilan kung bakit ang mga unang Kristiyano ay nanalangin!**

**"We cannot know what prayer is for until we know that life is war" – John Piper**

**Prayer is a Safeguard:** for believers against the danger of **independence!**

**Ang Panalangin ay isang Pag-iingat para sa mga mananampalataya laban sa panganib ng pagsasarili!**

What are the Results in the Church doing these Perfect things in an Imperfect Environment?

**Ano ang Mga Resulta ng Simbahan na ginagawa ang mga Perpektong bagay na ito sa isang Di Perpektong Kapaligiran?**

**1. The presence of the power of God is among them. Ang presensya ng kapangyarihan ng Diyos ay nasa kanila.**

v.43 "Then fear came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles."

**2. (vv.44-45) Their Unity and sharing in the common life of Jesus. Ang kanilang Pagkakaisa at pagbabahagi sa karaniwang buhay ni Hesus.**

vv 44-45 "Now all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need."

**3. The Christian family lived together and grew. Ang pamilyang Kristiyano ay nabuhay na magkasama at lumago.**

(46-47) So continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved.

**“The Only time the Church has made any spiritual impact on the world is when the Church stood firm, uncompromising, unwavering, and boldly proclaim the Truth right into the face of the enemy.” – John McArthur**

With what is happening now in our lives, and in the world today, we tend to create ways to survive. But the bible is very clear that the only way to overcome and be victorious is in Acts 2:42-47.

Sa mga nangyayari ngayon sa ating buhay, at sa mundo ngayon, may posibilidad tayong lumikha ng mga paraan upang mabuhay. Ngunit ang bibliya ay napakalinaw na ang tanging paraan upang mapagtagumpayan at magwagi ay nasa Gawa 2: 42-47.

#### How to do things perfectly as a Believer and Preserve our faith in an Imperfect condition?

**Paano magagawa ang mga bagay nang perpekto bilang isang mananampalataya at mapangalagaan ang ating pananampalataya sa isang hindi perpektong kondisyon?**

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#### DISCUSSION:

1. What are the things you've done so far, to preserve your faith and commitment to the Lord despite of the challenges you are facing now? **Ano ang mga bagay na nagawa mo na sa ngayon, upang mapanatili ang iyong pananampalataya at pangako sa Panginoon sa kabila ng mga hamon na kinakaharap mo ngayon?**
2. Why do you think it is important to do what Acts 2:42-47 is teaching us? **Sa iyong palagay bakit mahalagang gawin ang itinuturo sa atin ng Mga Gawa 2: 42-47?**