

BLUEPRINT

The Study of the Book of Acts

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“One of these days some simple soul will pick up the Book of God, read it, and believe it. Then the rest of us will be embarrassed. We have adopted the convenient theory that the Bible is a Book to be explained, whereas first and foremost it is a Book to be believed (and after that to be obeyed).”

— Leonard Ravenhill

BLUEPRINT: serves as a model or provides guidance; a detailed plan or program of action.

What if the model has not changed, what if God’s Blueprint is:

1. Luke Inspired by the Holy Spirit Wrote the Book of Acts
2. Luke Wrote Much of the New Testament
3. Luke is not a Journalist or Reporter He is an Eyewitness
4. Acts is the Link Between the Gospels and the Epistles
5. Acts Covers about 30 years of Early Church History
6. Acts Describes the Outpouring of the Holy Spirit
7. The Holy Spirit Transforms the Disciples
8. Peter Gives the First Sermon of Invitation
9. The Book of Acts Covers the First 30 years of the New Testament Church
10. Peter and Paul are the Main Characters of Acts
11. Acts Tells the Story of the First Christian Martyr
12. Acts Describes Paul’s Conversion to Faith in Jesus
13. Details 3 Missionary Journeys
14. Finishes before Paul is Martyred
15. The Book Ends but the Mission has not Ended

“The early church was married to poverty, prisons and persecutions. Today, the church is married to prosperity, personality, and popularity.”

— Leonard Ravenhill

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity ⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 NLT

"Christianity today is so subnormal that if any Christian began to act like a normal New Testament Christian, he would be considered abnormal."

— Leonard Ravenhill

Seven Things Healthy Churches Do - The Blueprint from the book of Acts:

1. Devoted Themselves to the Apostles Teaching
2. Devoted Themselves to Fellowship
3. Devoted Themselves to Breaking Bread
4. Devoted Themselves to Prayer
5. Devoted Themselves to the Right Attitude and the Right Heart
6. Lived in Awe of What God Would do Next
7. They Had all Things in Common

God added to the church daily those who were being saved.

"I am sick and tired of reading about Church History, it's time for us to make some."

— Leonard Ravenhill