

**The Church in Action: Seven Healthy Habits**  
Evangelism, Missions, Discipleship, Fellowship, Worship, **Prayer**

Acts 2:42

“They devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and **to prayer.**”

**Three Facts Concerning Prayer in the Early Church:**

**1. They were constant in prayer.**

**Acts 1:14**

“They all joined together constantly in prayer, along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers.”

**2. They were consistent in prayer.**

**Acts 1:24**

“Then they prayed, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen.’ ”

**3. They were confident in prayer.**

**Acts 4:23-24**

“On their release, Peter and John went back to their own people and reported all that the chief priests and the elders had said to them. When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord,’ they said, ‘you made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.’ ”

**James 1:5-8**

“If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.”

**1 John 3:21-22**

“Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God and receive from him anything we ask, because we keep his commands and do what pleases him.”