

Paper or Plastic?

Acts 2:42-47



**Paper or
plastic?**

*Is there anyone that fails;
Is there anyone that falls
Am I the only one in church today
feelin' so small*

*Cause when I take a look around
Everybody seems so strong
I know they'll soon discover
That I don't belong*


*So I tuck it all away,
like everything's okay
If I make them all believe it,
maybe I'll believe it too
So with a painted grin,
I play the part again
So everyone will see me
the way that I see them*

*Are we happy plastic people
Under shiny plastic steeples
With walls around our weakness
And smiles to hide our pain
But if the invitation's open
To every heart that has been broken
Maybe then we close the curtain
On our stained glass masquerade*

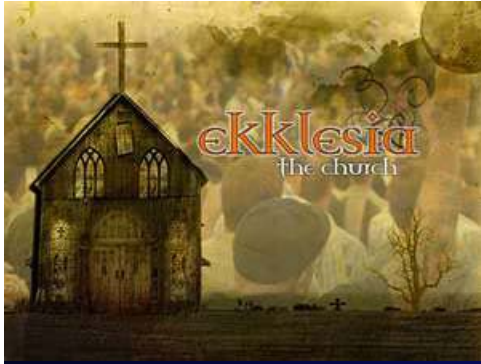
*Is there anyone who's been there
Are there any hands to raise
Am I the only one who's traded
In the altar for a stage*

*The performance is CONVINCING
And we know every line by heart
Only when no one is watching
Can we really fall apart*

*But would it set me free
If I dared to let you see
The truth behind the person
That you imagine me to be
Would your arms be open
Or would you walk away
Would the love of Jesus
Be enough to make you stay*



*Would
the love
of Jesus
be enough
to make
you stay?*



*What does Church
mean
to you?*



*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.*

Acts 2:42 ^{NLT}

An example to follow

They were learners

They had _____

They were committed to _____

They were _____ by God

They _____ with one another

They _____ together with great _____

Their _____ impressed other people

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*A deep sense of awe came over them all,
and the apostles performed many miraculous
signs and wonders.*

Acts 2:43 ^{NLT}

An example to follow

They were learners

They had fellowship

They were committed to prayer

They were awed by God

They _____ with one another

They _____ together with great _____

Their _____ impressed other people

*“Expect great things from God;
attempt great things for God”*

William Carey

*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.*

Acts 2:44-46 ^{NLT}

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They were awed by God

They shared with one another

They _____ together with great _____

Their _____ impressed other people

An example to follow

They were learners

They had fellowship

They were committed to prayer

They were awed by God

They shared with one another

They worshipped together with great joy

Their _____ impressed other people

*. . . 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 2:47^{NLT}

An example to follow

They were learners

They had fellowship

They were committed to prayer

They were awed by God

They shared with one another

They worshipped together with great joy

Their *lifestyle* impressed other people