

Wednesday in the Word

Act 5: 12-16 Contemporary English Version

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¹⁴Many men and women started having faith in the Lord. ¹⁵Then sick people were brought out to the road and placed on cots and mats. It was hoped that Peter would walk by, and his shadow would fall on them and heal them. ¹⁶A lot of people living in the towns near Jerusalem brought those who were sick or troubled by evil spirits, and they were all healed.

Acts 5:12 The apostles worked many miracles and wonders among the people. CEV

Acts 5:12 Now many signs and wonders were done among the people through the apostles. (NRSV)

Versus

Acts 5:12 The apostles were performing many miraculous signs and wonders among the people. NLT

Acts 5:12 The apostles performed many signs and wonders among the people. NIV

What is the difference between performing and work?

What type of God do we serve?

Can the church compete in entertainment industry in this world of globalization and technology? Why or why not?

How will this church meet the needs of the people?

Acts 5:12

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Four Warning Signs Headed Down the Road to Irrelevance

Detachment

Disengagement

Fixated on Past Success

Lack of Faith

Acts 5:12b All of the Lord's followers often met in the part of the temple known as Solomon's Porch. **13** No one outside their group dared join them, even though everyone liked them very much. (CEV)

Acts 5:12b many wonderful things done. They all met regularly and in remarkable harmony on the Temple porch named after Solomon. (MSG)

What you do should inform how you do.

Acts 5:13-14 **13** No one outside their group dared join them, even though everyone liked them very much. **14** Many men and women started having faith in the Lord.

Genesis 1:27 So God created mankind in his own image, in the image of God he created them; male and female he created them.

Do you serve a part-time God?

52% vs 48%

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Our vertical relationship with God should inform our horizontal relationships rather than our vertical relationships informing our vertical relationships.