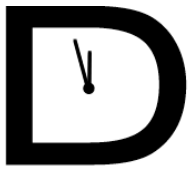


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1. Defining Devotion

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To devote is to commit.

To have devotion is to express commitment.

Definition: **de·vote**

–verb (used with object), -vot·ed, -vot·ing.

1. to give up or appropriate to or concentrate on a particular pursuit, occupation, purpose, cause, etc.: *to devote one's time to reading.*
2. to appropriate by or as if by a vow; set apart or dedicate by a solemn or formal act; consecrate: *She devoted her life to God.*

Leviticus 27:28

"But nothing that a man owns and **devotes** to the LORD -whether man or animal or family land—may be sold or redeemed; everything so **devoted** is most holy to the LORD.

*To devote, be devoted to, or to show devotion to,
means to **single-mindedly invest, and commit.***

1 Chronicles 28: 9 – (King David commissions his son Solomon.)

⁹ "And you, my son Solomon, acknowledge the God of your father, and serve him with **wholehearted devotion** and with a **willing mind**, for **the LORD searches every heart and understands every motive behind the thoughts**. If you seek him, he will be found by you; but if you forsake him, he will reject you forever.

Matthew 6:24

"No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be **devoted** to the one and **despise** the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

Colossians 4:2

Devote yourselves to **prayer**, being **watchful** and **thankful**.

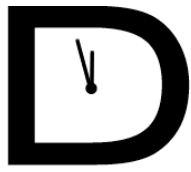
Acts 2:42

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

Titus 3:8

This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to **devote** themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.

BREAKAWAY GROUP DISCUSSION...



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3. Breakaway Group Discussion – November 10, 2009

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1. *Doing Your Devotions*

Ezra 7:10

For Ezra had **devoted** himself to the study and observance of the Law of the LORD, and to teaching its decrees and laws in Israel.

Psalms 119:5-7

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast in obeying your decrees! ⁶ Then I would not be put to shame when I consider all your commands. ⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart **as I learn your righteous laws**.

2. *Showing Devotion to God*

1 Kings 11:4

As Solomon grew old, his wives turned his heart after other gods, and his heart was not fully **devoted** to the LORD his God, as the heart of David his father had been

2 Chronicles 17:6

His heart was **devoted** to the ways of the LORD; furthermore, he removed the high places and the Asherah poles from Judah.

Psalms 86:2

Guard my life, for I am **devoted** to you. You are my God; save your servant who **trusts** in you.

3. *Showing Devotion to the Church & Kingdom – Church unity*

1 Corinthians 16:15

You know that the household of Stephanas were the first converts in Achaia, and they have **devoted** themselves to the service of the saints.

Romans 12:10

Be **devoted** to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.

4. *Showing Devotion to the Church & Kingdom – Leadership & Submission*

1 Timothy 5:17

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching.

Hebrews 13:7

Remember your leaders, who spoke the word of God to you. Consider the outcome of their way of life and imitate their faith.

Hebrews 13:17

Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.

5. *Brainstorm: Being Devoted*

Brainstorm more synonyms for how to be devoted (eg. Single-minded, passionately, etc.)
