

PART 4: Fueled By Love

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START

Generosity, fueled by love, erupted within the church. Over and over, we read stories about selfless giving from Christ-followers.

Take a moment and read **Acts 4:32-35**.

Think about the two stories Luke shares right after these verses - the story about Barnabas and the story about Ananias and Sapharia. Share any insights that you have into these stories that the first church encountered. What questions have surfaced within you?

READ

[Acts 4:32-35](#); (NIV)

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all 34 that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales 35 and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

THINK

The first church devoted (Moved with prevailing power) themselves to these four things: 1) Teaching; 2) Fellowshiping; 3) Eating, and 4) Praying. The ancient Greek word for fellowship had several important facets to it. Yes, it means to gather together relationally. It also means to be in partnership, share, give, and receive. It was a word focused on selfless living.

Guiding Questions:

- Self-less living is an easy thing to say but can be challenging. What must you do to intentionally lead yourself to live a selfless life?
- How is your love for people increasing and your love for things decreasing? In what ways is this challenging for you? What have you discovered to help you in this pursuit?
- Giving to God's mission, the church, is an action driven by trust in God and worship of God. How is God encouraging and stretching you with your giving?

PRAY

"God, you are sovereign. You are creator of all. It is my desire for an ever-increasing love for people and ever-decreasing love for things. Help me to trust you with my finances as I choose to give faithfully."

ACT

Commit to giving faithfully. Trust that God will provide and celebrate that you are giving to the mission of His Church. To take a step in your generosity, go to www.tconline.tv/give

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