

## **Bible Summary - Acts 4:32-37**

### Generosity

Giving is not a popular subject but the Bible talks about it more than prayer and faith combined. The early church thrived because of people's giving. They gave not hired or bought which is something Chapter 5 warns against. Scripture instructs us to never give out of compulsion or grudgingly but that God loves a cheerful giver. These were the marks of the early church. Giving is never to raise funds but it is God's way of raising adults. It has been said that more can be told of a person's faith through their bank account than their prayer book. God actually instructs His people to test Him through giving because God will not be a debtor to anyone.

Scriptures: Acts 4:32-37; Matthew 6:24; Romans 11:28-29; 2 Corinthians 9:7; Psalm 50:10; Malachi 3:8-12; John 3:16; Acts 20:35

## **Bible Questions and Application**

(These are here as an aid in facilitating conversation.

There is no obligation to run through **every** question listed.)

1. What has motivated you to give in the past?
2. True giving is giving without regret and giving up all control. Did today's message challenge your understanding of what true giving is?
3. Do you have an example of a time you gave and God used it for His glory?
4. Matt said, "boys are takers and men are givers". Are you a man or a boy?
5. Giving kills the idol of greed. Do you have an example of a time you gave something away and got joy in return?
6. In Malachi 3 God is inviting us to test Him in the area of giving. Has the Lord stirred you and if so, are you willing to test Him?