

Come Together To Share

The Top Two

- There are two things that we value and protect most in our lives in our culture:
 1. Our Time
 2. Our Wealth
- These are the two things that give us the greatest sense of power and control over our lives
- Sharing is a sign of the Holy Spirit at work

“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling

their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need. And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:42–47, ESV)

- The Principles We See
 - They Gathered
 - They Were Devoted to each other and to Biblical truth
 - They Prayerful
- The Result
 - The Presence of the Spirit

- The Power of the Spirit
- The Sharing of Themselves
- The Blessings of God

Generosity Received Is A Reflection of Generosity Given

“give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” (Luke 6:38, ESV)

- The Spiritual Law of Sowing and Reaping
 - Our act of faith of generosity releases blessing

- The generosity of God is always greater than our generosity

“The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, “He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever.”” (2 Corinthians 9:6–9, ESV)

- Generosity is a heart issue

- God's Response is a Grace Issue

Our Giftedness Is For Blessing Others

“As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace:”
(1 Peter 4:10, ESV)

“For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” (Galatians 5:13, ESV)

- When we give of our giftedness and our time to others, we are giving the best of ourselves.

How To Give

- Consistently

- Proportionally
- Grace Motivated
- Spirit Led

Live It Out

Each day this week share a kindness of service and/or financial giving and let them know they have been blessed in the name of Jesus.