

The Believers of the First Church: Essentials for Life Together

Acts 04: 32–37

1 *They were of one heart and mind*

- a. In Jesus' Lordship and mission
- b. In their responsibility to love and to share "everything"

2 *They gave great witness to the resurrection*

- a. A witness of great power
- b. A witness of much grace

3 *They took care of all who had need*

- a. Fact 1:
Met every need
- b. Fact 2:
All repented of *hoarding*, gave everything beyond their necessities
- c. Fact 3:
The needy received only what they needed.
- d. Fact 4:
One man in particular set a godly example:
Barnabas

32 All the believers were one in heart and mind.

No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had.

33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all.

34 There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales

35 And put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.

36 Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement),

37 Sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.