

# **Love through Giving**

Series: I Love My Church

Text: Acts 4:32-37

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## **I. THE MOTIVATION FOR GIVING (v. 32)**

- A. The believers were united in heart and mind, demonstrating spiritual harmony
- B. The Holy Spirit unites God's people in oneness so the church can function peacefully
- C. The Spirit of God motivated them through their unity of heart and mind to give

## **II. THE METHOD OF GIVING (v. 32, 34-35)**

- A. They took action
  - 1) They sold their earthly possessions (v. 34)
  - 2) They delivered the money to the apostles
  - 3) They distributed the funds or items to each person based on their need (v. 35)
- B. They had the proper attitude toward their possessions
  - 1) No private ownership
  - 2) No attachment and no affection given to their earthly belongings (*1 John 1:15-17 | Matt. 6:19-21 | Luke 12:16-21*)

## **III. CONCLUSION**

- A. God's people ought to be generous givers
  - 1) Time
  - 2) Talents/spiritual gifts
  - 3) Words of wisdom
  - 4) Words of encouragement
  - 5) Words of admonition
  - 6) Give our attention and affection to others
- B. Giving is a way believers show love