



Church Polity in the Book of Acts

Acts 4:23-37

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THE CHURCH IN FELLOWSHIP TOGETHER

Introduction:

I. FELLOWSHIP IN SUFFERING PERSECUTION (4:23-30)

- A. There was courageous proclamation of the Word. (vs. 1-13)

- B. There was confident promotion of the Way. (vs. 14-22)

- C. There was continual prayer for their witness. (vs. 23-30)

II. FELLOWSHIP IN SPIRITUAL POWER (4:31-33)

- A. There was a holy boldness to preach. (vs. 31)

- B. There was a heart-felt basis to partner. (vs. 32)

III. FELLOWSHIP IN SACRIFICIAL PROVISION (4:34-37)

- A. There was a systematic distribution. (vs. 33-35)

II Thessalonians 3:10 - "if any will not work, neither should he eat"

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B. There was a spontaneous dedication. (vs. 36-37)

antonyms of "generosity" = stingy, tight, tight wad, tightfisted, cheap, greedy, miserly, avaricious, covetous, selfish, uncharitable, churlish

Conclusion: hear what God's Word has to say about generosity...

Acts 20:35

Luke 6:38

Proverbs 11:24-25

Luke 21:1-4

1 Timothy 6:17-19

2 Corinthians 9:6-7

Proverbs 19:17

2 Corinthians 8:1-5