



new life fellowship

Sermon Title: Practicing Generosity
Speaker: Rich Villodas – Lead Pastor
Scriptures: Acts 4:31-35

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

The Believers Share Their Possessions

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had. ³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Sermon Summary:

This Sunday, Pastor Rich will be continuing our series on the connection between faith and finances. We will be exploring the spiritual practice of generosity. We will learn what scripture teaches about this topic, as well as some practical next steps we can all take.

Sermon Questions:

1. Reread the passage. What do you notice about the believers' generosity? How does it compare with what you have experienced in church communities?
2. Have you thought about generosity as significant a miracle as a physical healing? How did the sermon expand your perspective?
3. In what ways has the generosity of others impacted you? Share stories of the ways others' generosity has blessed you or how you have seen God's generosity toward you.
4. Have you attributed generosity to the outpouring of the Holy Spirit before? Why or why not?
5. Pastor Rich shared principles and the practice of giving a tithe. What was most challenging or encouraging to you?

Principles:

1. Generosity is not a strategy to get something.
2. Generosity is to be motivated by joy.
3. There is abundant provision for those who live generously.