

## Demonstrated by the New Testament Church

Read [Acts 2:44-47](#)

The book of Acts gives us insight into the early church and to understand its true impact we must contextually look at the intent of the text. In [Acts 2:45](#), we are, indeed, told that the believers “began selling their property and possessions,” but when taken in context with [verses 44 & 46](#), we can perhaps begin to understand this in the true development of spiritual community. The *Cambridge Dictionary* defines community as, among other things, “a group of people who have the same interests, religion etc.”

If we consider our church as a spiritual community (which it truly should be), we need only look to Christ’s example to see the Acts depiction for what it is. Members of a community provide for one another as they have need, and as Christ gave of Himself, so should we prayerfully give generously of ourselves as the Holy Spirit guides us. In Acts, selling property and possessions is not the model of generosity, but rather it is an illustration of the early church’s Christ-like spirit of generosity, giving to those in need. They all gave unselfishly with one mind.

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### Essential Question:

*How should  
we as a church  
be generous?*

*Prayer Focus:*

*Thank God  
for a loving  
Church and  
ask what He  
wants you  
to do to be a  
part of it.*

*Prayers  
God Has  
Answered*

## Reflective Notes

*How is God speaking to me?*

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