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We are contributors not consumers.

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Every Gift Empowered

Acts 2:42-47

⁴² They **devoted themselves** to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. ⁴³ Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. ⁴⁴ **All the believers were together and had everything in common.** ⁴⁵ They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. ⁴⁶ **Every day** they continued to meet together in the temple courts.

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They **broke bread in their homes** and **ate together** with glad and sincere hearts,⁴⁷ praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

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In a Letter to Diognetus (130 AD)

"Christians are indistinguishable from other men either by nationality, language or customs...and yet there is something extraordinary about their lives. They live in their own countries as though they were only passing through. They play their full role as citizens but labor under all the disabilities of aliens.... Like others, they marry and have children, but they do not expose them. They share their meals, but not their wives.

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They live in the flesh, but they are not governed by the desires of the flesh. They pass their days upon earth, but they are citizens of heaven. Obedient to the laws, they yet live on a level that transcends the law."

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The early Christians didn't only **attend church**;
they **were the Church!**

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Ephesians 4:15-16

¹⁵ but speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in **all aspects** into Him who is the head, *even Christ*, ¹⁶ from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part, causes the growth of the body for the building up of itself in love.

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87% of Christians don't know
anything about their spiritual gifts.

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1 Corinthians 12:4-6

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work. ⁷ Now to **each one** the manifestation of the Spirit is given **for the common good.**

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1 Corinthians 14:1

Follow the way of love and **eagerly desire** spiritual gifts.

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Bring **your gift** when we **get together**.

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A spiritual gift is a **supernatural ability** given to **each Christian** to do God's work on earth.

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1 Corinthians 14:26

What is the outcome then, brothers and sisters? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has an interpretation. **All things are to be done for edification.**

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God's plan is for **every believer**
to be **overflowing with the Spirit.**

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