

An Acts
Series

CHURCH ON THE MOVE

Generosity

**Generosity was a hallmark
of the early church!**

"Their success lies in their charity to strangers. They support their poor as we as ours."

"These Christians help each other in their needs - they spare nothing"

generous:

**showing a readiness to give more
of something, as money or time, than is
necessary or expected**

Acts 2:42

They were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

Acts 2:43

Everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

Acts 2:44

And all those who had believed were together
and had all things in common;

Acts 2:45

and they began selling their property and possessions and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

Acts 2:46

Day by day continuing with one mind in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart,

Acts 2:47

praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord was adding to their number day by day those who were being saved.

Generosity displays God's character

Matt 5:40

**"If anyone wants to sue you and take your shirt,
let him have your coat also.**

Matt 5:41

**"Whoever forces you to go one mile, go with him
two."**

Matt 5:42

"Give to him who asks of you, and do not turn away from him who wants to borrow from you.

If you want to be miserable -
make your life totally about you.

Acts 11:28

One of them named Agabus stood up and began to indicate by the Spirit that there would certainly be a great famine all over the world.

Acts 11:28

And this took place in the reign of Claudius.

Acts 11:29

And in the proportion that any of the disciples had means, each of them determined to send a contribution for the relief of the brethren living in Judea.

Acts 11:30

**And this they did, sending it in charge of
Barnabas and Saul to the elders.**

1. Gave deliberately

2. Gave proportionately

3. Gave purposefully

4. Gave wisely

Gen 4:2

And Abel was a keeper of flocks, but Cain was a tiller of the ground.

Gen 4:3

So it came about in the course of time that Cain brought an offering to the Lord of the fruit of the ground.

Gen 4:4

Abel, on his part also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and for his offering

Gen 4:5

but for Cain and for his offering He had no regard.