

6. A Church Generous and Compassionate

Acts 2:45 (NKJV) and **sold their possessions and goods**, and **divided them among all**, as anyone had need.

“Generosity is the overflow of a grateful heart.”— Jack Hayford

Acts 4:32 (NKJV) Now **the multitude** of those who believed were of **one heart and one soul**; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common.

Acts 4:33 (NKJV) And **with great power** the apostles **gave witness to the resurrection** of the Lord Jesus. And **great grace was upon them all**.

Acts 4:34 (NKJV) **Nor was there anyone among them who lacked**; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and **brought the proceeds of the things that were sold**,

Acts 4:35 (NKJV) and laid them at the apostles' feet; and **they distributed to each as anyone had need**.

John 3:16 (NKJV) For **God so loved the world that He gave** His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

“The measure of all love is its giving. The measure of the love of God is the cross of Christ.” — J. I. Packer

2 Corinthians 9:6 (NKJV) But this I say: He who **sows sparingly will also reap sparingly**, and he who **sows bountifully will also reap bountifully**.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV) So **let each one give as he purposes in his heart**, not grudgingly or of necessity; for **God loves a cheerful giver**.

Proverbs 11:25 (NKJV) **The generous soul will be made rich**, And **he who waters** will also **be watered himself**.

Practical Application: Be a giver — of time, resources, love, encouragement. Help meet needs. Let generosity be a mark of your faith. Believe for the supernatural.

The Church in Acts was a living demonstration of heaven invading earth. It wasn't just talked about — it was seen, heard, and felt.



MY CHURCH, Part 5: What the Church Looked Like in the Book of Acts

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1. A Church Devoted to Teaching and Truth

Acts 2:42 (NKJV) And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.

John 8:31 (NKJV) Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, **“If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.**

John 8:32 (NKJV) And **you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free.**”

2 Timothy 2:15 (NKJV) **Be diligent to present yourself approved** to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

2 Timothy 4:2 (NKJV) **Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season.** Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all longsuffering and teaching.

Practical Application: Build your life and family on sound doctrine. Become a part of a group that study's the Bible, listen actively to scriptural preaching, and let truth confront and guide you.

2. A Church Committed to Fellowship and Community

Acts 2:44 (NKJV) Now all who believed were together, and **had all things in common**, **Acts 2:45 (NKJV)** and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need.

Acts 2:46 (NKJV) So **continuing daily with one accord** in the **temple**, and breaking bread from **house to house**, they ate their food with gladness and simplicity of heart,

Hebrews 10:24 (NKJV) And let us **consider one another in order to stir up** love and good works,

Hebrews 10:25 (NKJV) **not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together**, as is the manner of some, but **exhorting one another**, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching.

John 13:34–35 (NKJV) **“A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 John 1:7 (NKJV) But **if we walk in the light** as He is in the light, **we have fellowship with one another**, and the blood of Jesus Christ His Son cleanses us from all sin.

Practical Application: Engage in the life of the church beyond Sunday. Join a small group, share meals, pray together, and carry one another's burdens.

3. A Church Committed to Prayer

Acts 1:14 (NKJV) **These all continued** with one accord in prayer and supplication, with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with His brothers.

Acts 2:42 (NKJV) And **they continued steadfastly** in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and **in prayers**.

Acts 4:31 (NKJV) And **when they had prayed**, the place where they were assembled together was **shaken**; and they were **all filled** with the Holy Spirit, and **they spoke the word of God with boldness**.

Prayer was not optional for the early church—it was their lifeline to heaven, their source of power, and their defense against opposition

“What the church needs today is not more machinery, but men whom the Holy Ghost can use—men of prayer, men mighty in prayer.”
--E.M. Bounds

Philippians 4:6 (NKJV) Be **anxious for nothing**, but **in everything by prayer and supplication**, with **thanksgiving**, let your requests be made known to God;
Philippians 4:7 (NKJV) and **the peace of God**, which **surpasses all understanding**, will guard your **hearts and minds** through Christ Jesus.

Colossians 4:2 (NKJV) Continue earnestly in prayer, being **vigilant in it with thanksgiving**;

Practical Application: Commit to personal and corporate prayer. Attend prayer meetings. Begin your day on your knees. Make prayer the engine, not the spare tire.

4. A Church Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Acts 1:8 (NKJV) But **you shall receive power** when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and **you shall be witnesses** to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

Acts 2:4 (NKJV) And **they were all filled** with the Holy Spirit and began to speak with other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Acts 2:43 (NKJV) Then fear came upon every soul, and **many wonders and signs** were done through the apostles.

Acts 5:12 (NKJV) And through the hands of the apostles **many signs and wonders** were done **among the people**. And they were all with one accord in Solomon's Porch.
Acts 5:13 (NKJV) Yet none of the rest dared join them, but the people esteemed them highly.

Acts 5:14 (NKJV) And believers were increasingly added to the Lord, multitudes of both men and women,

Acts 5:15 (NKJV) so that they **brought the sick out into the streets** and laid them on beds and couches, that at least the shadow of Peter passing by might fall on some of them.

Acts 5:16 (NKJV) Also a multitude gathered from the surrounding cities to Jerusalem, bringing **sick people** and **those who were tormented by unclean spirits**, and **they were all healed**.

Acts 10:44 (NKJV) While Peter was still speaking these words, **the Holy Spirit fell** upon all those who heard the word.

The Church was never meant to operate in human strength alone, but to live as a Spirit-filled community that advances God's Kingdom with supernatural life-changing power

Mark 16:20 (NKJV) And they **went out and preached everywhere**, the **Lord working with them and confirming** the word through the **accompanying signs**. Amen.

Practical Application: Seek to be continually filled with the Holy Spirit. Yield to Him daily. Let Him lead, empower, and speak through you.

5. A Church Bold in Evangelism and Outreach

Acts 2:41 (NKJV) Then those who **gladly received** his word were baptized; and that day about **three thousand souls** were added to them.

Acts 5:42 (NKJV) And **daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching** Jesus as the Christ.

Acts 8:4 (NKJV) Therefore those who were **scattered went everywhere preaching the word**.

Acts 17:6 (NKJV) But when they did not find them, they dragged Jason and some brethren to the rulers of the city, crying out, “**These who have turned the world upside down** have come here too.

Romans 1:16 (NKJV) For I am **not ashamed of the gospel** of Christ, for **it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes**, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

The early Church was more like a prairie fire spreading rapidly than a candle flickering quietly in the corner. It was unstoppable.

Practical Application: Share your faith. Invite people to church. Be open about Jesus in everyday conversations. Evangelism isn't a gift; it's a calling for every believer.