



“And they steadfastly persevered, devoting themselves constantly to the instruction and fellowship of the apostles, to the breaking of bread (including the Lord’s Supper) and prayers.”

- Acts 2:42, The Amplified Bible



FROM DISTRACTION TO
TRACTION:

THE FAMILY OF GOD

Acts 4:32-37



VS. 32-33

“One in heart and mind”

Pride and prejudice was slain, and with it
greed and selfishness.

God’s glory and the health of the Church
were chief concerns.

Through the power of the Spirit, they truly strived to
live “...for the glory of God and (their) neighbors’
good.”



VSS. 34-37

“no needy among them”

Why not? Were the needy shunned?

No. Those devoted to the fellowship helped out, doing whatever necessary.

Genuine devotion. Christlike sacrificial love.

Note to the lazy: See 2 Thess. 3:10

A ONE TIME DEAL?

Consider Galatians 6:10 “as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people”

Kairos (Gr.) implies the necessity of the task at hand whether the time provides a good convenient opportunity or not. So, do it.

“especially to...the family of believers”

THE 'ONE ANOTHER' COMMANDS

Accept one another Rom. 15:7

Admonish one another Col. 3:16

Be at peace with one another Mark 9:50

Be devoted to and honor one another Rom. 12:10

Be kind and compassionate to one another Eph. 4:32

Carry burdens for one another Gal. 6:2

Confess sins to and pray for one another James 5:16

- Encourage one another 1 Thess. 5:11
- Forbear one another Eph. 4:2
- Forgive one another Eph. 4:32
- Greet one another Rom. 16:16
- Love one another John 13:34
- Serve one another Gal. 5:13
- Spur one another to love & good deeds Heb. 10:24
- Stop passing judgement on one another Rom. 14:13
- Submit to one another Eph. 5:21
- Wash one another's feet John 13:14

HEBREWS 10:25

“Let us not give up meeting together...”

Let's put to rest the nonsense of “I can be just as good a Christian as _____ without going to church” ?

Two huge problems:

- 1) It implies a faulty human standard; we should be striving for Christlikeness.
- 2) It suggests goodness comes through defiance of God's holy word

“I pray for all those who will believe in Me through (the disciples’) message, that all of them may be one, just as You are in Me and I am in You. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that You have sent me. I have given them the glory that You have given Me, that they may be one as We are one...”

- Jesus, John 17: 20-22