**Are We A Mega Church?**

**Acts 4:32-37**

*And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.* Acts 2:42

***32****Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.****33****And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.****34****There was not a needy person among them, for as many as were owners of lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold****35****and laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.****36****Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus,* ***37****sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.* Acts 4:32-37

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I. The Guiding PRINCIPLE

*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul...*

*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another.* 1 John 1:7

II. The Compelling PROOF

*and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own, but they had everything in common.*

*So the disciples determined, every one according to his ability, to send relief to the brothers living in Judea.* Acts 11:29

III. The Explosive POWER

*And with great power the apostles were giving their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.*

IV. The Generous PRACTICE

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*But there will be no poor among you; for the Lord will bless you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you for an inheritance to possess.* Deuteronomy 15:4

***16****By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers.****17****But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?* ***18****Little children, let us not love in word or talk but in deed and in truth.* 1 John 3:16-18

V. The Encouraging PATTERN

***36****Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus,* ***37****sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles' feet.*

**So What?**

**As our lives are increasingly grace-filled we will see a tightening in our attachment to each other and a loosening in our attachment to possessions.**

*Now the full number of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one said that any of the things that belonged to him was his own.* Acts 4:32

**Last Thought:** Will you release your grip on that which is TEMPORARY and live for that which is ETERNAL?