

# The Making of a Community

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**Biblical community develops when leaders and members...**

1. **Live obedient** Acts 1:1-2
2. **Live the call** 1:2
3. **Live convinced Jesus is alive and at work** 1:3
4. **Live for the kingdom** 1:3
5. **Trust the empowerment of the Holy Spirit** 1:4-5
6. **Live the mission** 1:6-8
7. **Live for the return of The King** 1:9-11
8. **Be normal** 1:12-13
9. **Live devoted to prayer** 1:14
10. **Live devoted to Scripture** 1:15-23
11. **Focus on the heart** 1:24-26
12. **Live filled with the Spirit = Live "the one thing" undistracted** 2:1-12
13. **Live willing to be mocked, threatened, beaten and murdered** 2:13
14. **Witness** 2:14-41
15. **Live devoted to the basics**

**Acts 2:**<sup>42</sup> And they were continually devoting themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.

## 16. Practice the presence of God

**Acts 2:**<sup>43</sup> And everyone kept feeling a sense of awe; and many wonders and signs were taking place through the apostles.

## 17. Share possessions

**Acts 2:**<sup>44</sup> And all those who had believed were together, and had all things in common;

<sup>45</sup> and they *began* selling their property and possessions, and were sharing them with all, as anyone might have need.

**Act 4:32** And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one *of them* claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them.

<sup>33</sup> And with great power the apostles were giving witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all.

<sup>34</sup> For there was not a needy person among them, for all who were owners of land or houses would sell them and bring the proceeds of the sales,

<sup>35</sup> and lay them at the apostles' feet; and they would be distributed to each, as any had need.

**Acts 6:1** Now at this time while the disciples were increasing *in number*, a complaint arose on the part of the Hellenistic *Jews* against the *native* Hebrews, because their widows were being overlooked in the daily serving of *food*.

**Acts 11:27** Now at this time some prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch.

<sup>28</sup> And 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. And this took place in the *reign* of Claudius.

<sup>29</sup> 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.

<sup>30</sup> And this they did, sending it in charge of Barnabas and Saul to the elders.

**Acts 20:33** "I have coveted no one's silver or gold or clothes.

<sup>34</sup> "You yourselves know that these hands ministered to my *own* needs and to the men who were with me.

<sup>35</sup> "In everything I showed you that by working hard in this manner you must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

## 18. Share time

**Acts 2:**<sup>46</sup> And 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,

<sup>47</sup>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.

**Philippians 1:27** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel;

<sup>28</sup> in no way alarmed by *your* opponents-- which is a sign of destruction for them, but of salvation for you, and that too, from God.

<sup>29</sup> For to you it has been granted for Christ's sake, not only to believe in Him, but also to suffer for His sake,

<sup>30</sup> experiencing the same conflict which you saw in me, and now hear *to be* in me.

**2:1** If therefore there is any encouragement in Christ, if there is any consolation of love, if there is any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and compassion,

<sup>2</sup> make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.

**Hebrews 10:32** But remember the former days, when, after being enlightened, you endured a great conflict of sufferings,

<sup>33</sup> partly, by being made a public spectacle through reproaches and tribulations, and partly by becoming sharers with those who were so treated.

<sup>34</sup> For you showed sympathy to the prisoners, and accepted joyfully the seizure of your property, knowing that you have for yourselves a better possession and an abiding one.

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