



Life Church Smyrna
Sunday, July 16, 2017 | 10:30am
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Message Notes | Dive In | Part Five

Acts 2:41-47 ⁴¹“Those who believed what Peter said were baptized and added to the church that day - about 3,000 in all. ⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity - ⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.” (NLT)

1. Dive In To Stewardship

Stewardship is defined as “managing things that belong to God such as money, property, etc.”

a) What God Asks From You

Acts 2:44-45 ⁴⁴“And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.” (NLT)

Philippians 2:4 “Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others.” (NKJV)

1 Corinthians 4:2 “It is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” (NKJV)

Deuteronomy 14:23 “The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives.” (LB)

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

Matthew 6:25,33 ²⁵“I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.” (NKJV)

b) What God Has For You

Deuteronomy 28 (*excerpts*) - The blessings of God will overtake you; you will be blessed in the city and in the country; your children, your harvests and your possessions will be blessed; that you will be blessed when you come in and go out; your enemies will be defeated; you will be holy; the heavens will open to give you His good treasure and rain; God will bless all the work of your hand; you will lend instead of borrowing; you will be the head and not the tail; you will be above and not beneath. (NKJV)

Leviticus 26 (*excerpts*) - Rain will fall at the right time so that the land will produce crops and trees will bear fruit; crops will be so plentiful that you’ll be harvesting corn when it’s time to pick grapes and you’ll be picking grapes when it’s time to plant corn; harvests will be so plentiful that they’ll last for a year and you’ll have to throw away what’s left of the old harvest to make room for the new harvest. (TEV)

Psalms 103 (*excerpts*) - God doesn’t want you to forget all of His benefits such as forgiveness for all your sins, healing for all your diseases, redemption from destruction, a crown of lovingkindness and tender mercies, satisfaction and renewed youthfulness. (NKJV)

Philippians 4:19 “My God will supply all of your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (NKJV)

3 John 2 “I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health just as your soul prospers.” (NKJV)

Proverbs 10:22 “The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and He adds no sorrow with it.” (NLT)

The big idea: Dive in to stewardship!



Loving God! Loving People! Loving Life!