

“AND GREAT FEAR CAME UPON THE WHOLE CHURCH”

ACTS 4:32-5:11

The church is experiencing the fulfillment of Jesus' request;

JOHN 17:22

The glory that you have given me I have given to them, that they may be one even as we are one

Luke desires for God's people to be freed from the love of money, and be full of the love of God and his people;

LUKE 12:32-33

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.

Our love for others is measured in what we're willing to sacrifice for them;

JAMES 2:15-16

If a brother or sister is poorly clothed and lacking in daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and filled," without giving them the things needed for the body, what good is that?"

1 JOHN 3:17

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?

The Old Testament parallel to Ananias;

JOSHUA 7:1

But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan...took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the LORD burned against the people of Israel.

Ananias loved the praise of men;

JOHN 12:43

For [the Pharisees] loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.