



And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts **Acts 2:46** ESV

HOW CAN I DEVELOP A “JERUSALEM-LIKE DEVOTION” TO GENEROSITY?

1. By sharing their _____ An attitude of _____.

The whole congregation of believers was united as one—one heart, one mind! They didn’t even claim ownership of their own possessions. No one said, “That’s mine; you can’t have it.” They shared everything. **Acts 4:32** MP

The very spring of our actions is the love of Christ. We look at it like this: if one died for all men ... and his purpose in dying for them is that their lives should now be no longer lived for themselves but for him who died and rose again for them. **2 Corinthians 5:14** Phillips

Don’t let selfishness...take over... ⁴Get beyond yourselves and protecting your own interests; ⁵In other words, adopt the mind-set of Jesus the Anointed. Live with His attitude in your hearts. Remember: ⁶Though He was in the form of God, He chose not to cling to equality with God; ⁷But He poured Himself out... **Philippians 2:3, 4-7a** VOICE

Giving grows out of the heart—otherwise, you’ve reluctantly grumbled “yes” because you felt you had to or because you couldn’t say “no,” but this isn’t the way God wants it. For we know that “God loves a cheerful giver.” **2 Corinthians 9:7** VOICE

2. By sharing their _____ Acts that _____ selflessness.

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. **Acts 2:44, 45** NLT

And so it turned out that not a person among them was needy. Those who owned fields or houses sold them and brought the price of the sale to the apostles and made an offering of it. The apostles then distributed it according to each persons needs. **Acs 4:35** MP

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means “son of encouragement”), ³⁷ sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles’ feet. **Acts 4:36, 37** NIV

⁶We know what real love is because Jesus gave up his life for us. So we also ought to give up our lives for our brothers and sisters...¹⁸ Dear children, let’s not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. ¹⁹ Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God. **1 John 3:16, 18, 19** NIV

3. By sharing their _____. Note the four areas of impact.

All the believers were together and had everything in common ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They 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. **Acts 2:45-47** NLT

- The Impact of a _____ .
- The Impact of _____ .
- The Impact of _____ .
- The Impact of _____ .

NOTE: Both _____ and _____ have impact.

Where ·jealousy [or envy] and ·selfishness [selfish ambition] are, there will be ·confusion [chaos; disorder] and every ·kind of evil [evil thing/practice].
James 3:16 EXB

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