

**All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.**

**Acts 4:32**

**37 When Jesus had finished speaking, a Pharisee invited him to eat with him; so he went in and reclined at the table. 38 But the Pharisee was surprised when he noticed that Jesus did not first wash before the meal.**

**39 Then the Lord said to him, “Now then, you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. 40 You foolish people! Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also?”**

**41 But now as for what is inside you—  
be generous to the poor, and  
everything will be clean for you.**

**Luke 11:37-41**

**<sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them**

**Acts 4:33-34a**

**However, there need be no poor people among you, for in the land the Lord your God is giving you to possess as your inheritance, he will richly bless you,**

**Deuteronomy 15:4**

**34b From time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need. <sup>36</sup> Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means "son of encouragement"), <sup>37</sup> sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.**

**Acts 4:34b-37**

**Now a man named Ananias, together with his wife Sapphira, also sold a piece of property. <sup>2</sup> With his wife's full knowledge he kept back part of the money for himself, but brought the rest and put it at the apostles' feet.**

**Acts 5:1-2**

**<sup>3</sup> Then Peter said, “Ananias, how is it that Satan has so filled your heart that you have lied to the Holy Spirit and have kept for yourself some of the money you received for the land?”**

**4 Didn't it belong to you before it was sold? And after it was sold, wasn't the money at your disposal? What made you think of doing such a thing? You have not lied just to human beings but to God."**

**Acts 5:3-4**

**Brothers and sisters, if someone is caught in a sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently. But watch yourselves, or you also may be tempted. <sup>2</sup> Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.**

**Galatians 6:1-2**

**33 “Again, you have heard that it was said to the people long ago, ‘Do not break your oath, but fulfill to the Lord the vows you have made.’ 34 But I tell you, do not swear an oath at all: either by heaven, for it is God’s throne**

**35 or by the earth, for it is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the Great King. 36 And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make even one hair white or black. 37 All you need to say is simply 'Yes' or 'No'; anything beyond this comes from the evil one.**

**Matthew 5:33-37**

**5 When Ananias heard this, he fell down and died. And great fear seized all who heard what happened. 6 Then some young men came forward, wrapped up his body, and carried him out and buried him.**

**Acts 5:5-6**

**7 About three hours later his wife came in, not knowing what happened. 8 Peter asked her, “Tell me, is this the price you and Ananias got for the land?” “Yes,” she said, “that is the price**

**9 Peter said to her, “How could you  
conspire to test the Spirit of the  
Lord? Listen! The feet of the men who  
buried your husband are at the door,  
and they will carry you out also.”**

**Acts 5:7-9**

**At that moment she fell down at his feet and died. Then the young men came in and, finding her dead, carried her out and buried her beside her husband.**

**Acts 5:10**

**Great fear seized the whole church and  
all who heard about these events.**

**Acts 5:11**

