A Healthy Church
Acts 4:32-37

Main Point:
A healthy church has certain attributes; therefore, do your part to increase our health by the grace of God.

1. A healthy church is completely united.

2. A healthy church sacrificially cares for the needy.

3. A healthy church has a powerful witness for Jesus.

4. A healthy church is one that encourages people.

Cross-References and Quotations

Ephesians 4:1-3 1 I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called, 2 with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love, 3 endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (NKJV)

Acts 5:4 4 "While it remained, was it not your own? And after it was sold, was it not in your own control? Why have you conceived this thing in your heart? You have not lied to men but to God." (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "This sharing of possessions was not required for church membership, but it was a reflex of love towards God's family.

Proverbs 11:24 24 There is *one* who scatters, yet increases more; And there is *one* who withholds more than is right, But it *leads* to poverty. (NKJV)

Dennis Johnson "The power was not their own. Jesus the risen Lord had promised power with the outpouring of the Spirit (1:8), and he had kept his word."

Acts 9:26-27 - Barnabas welcomes Saul

Acts 13:2-3 - Barnabas accompanies Paul on his first missionary journey

Acts 15:38-39 - Barnabas gives Mark a second chance

1 Thessalonians 5:11 11 Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing. (ESV)