

**Introduction:** Summary of Acts 4. The “Joy of Giving” is a by-product of Spirit Filled Living.

**Key Bible Text:** Acts 4:29-35

### Three Observations that Contribute to Joyful Giving

#### 1. Unity in Desires and Thinking (Acts 4:32)

- a. What we want...
- b. How we will achieve it...
- c. Stewards not Owners

#### 2. Sharing of Financial Resources (Acts 4:33-35)

- a. By God’s Grace
- b. Compassionate Action
- c. Coordinated Effort

#### 3. Being Courageously and Powerfully Persistent (Acts 4:29-33)

- a. Facing Fears
- b. Seeing Results
- c. Fulfilled Lifestyles

**Conclusion:**

1. In Acts 4, what were some direct results of being “filled with the Spirit”? What can be the equivalent of similar results today?

2. In Acts 4, why was courage needed by those that proclaimed the resurrection of Jesus Christ? In addition to “proclaiming,” where else might courage be needed when living for Jesus?

3. What specifically did the believers pray for in Acts 4? How were those prayers specifically answered? How might that inform our current prayer practices?

4. On a scale of 1 to 10 (10 being the highest), where would you place your level of joy when it comes to giving? Explain.

5. In your spiritual development, in what ways has your thinking about giving financial support to God’s work evolved?

6. What is one thing you sensed, felt or “heard” the Lord emphasize to you? In what practical way could you respond?

PRAY!