

I. The generosity of the believers (v. 32-37)

- A. The believers enjoyed great unity
- B. The believers shared with those in need

“Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others.” (Philippians 2:4)

- C. The believers continued to testify about Jesus’ resurrection
- D. The believers enjoyed the enabling grace of God

“But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.’ Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.” (2 Cor. 12:9)

- E. The believers gave sacrificially

“Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.” (1 Timothy 6:18)

- F. The believers encouraged each other

II. The hypocrisy of some in the church (v.1 -11)

- A. Their sin was encouraged by the Devil
- B. Their sin was motivated by pride

“The pride of your heart has deceived you.” (Obadiah 1:3)

- C. Their sin was against the Holy Spirit
- D. Their sin hurt the church
- E. Their sin resulted in swift judgment

“There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. “ (Luke 12:2)

- F. Their judgment resulted in great fear

“Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace. It was strengthened; and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it grew in numbers, living in the fear of the Lord.” (Acts 9:31)

III. The ministry of the apostles (v. 12-16)

- A. The apostles did great public miracles
- B. The apostles met with the church regularly

“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another – and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:25)

- C. The apostles acquired some holy respect
- D. The apostles saw the church grow
- E. The apostles saw many people healed