

One Heart and Mind  
November 28, 2021  
Acts 4:32-35

Review:

- Over 40-year-old lame man healed!
- Peter & John arrested and tried – proven innocent, but warned.
- Response: Prayed for more boldness!

32-33 Summary Statement: Unity & Power

- Compare with 2:43-44!
- Elements
  - Unity of mind & heart (cf. Phil 2:1-4)
    - Sharing of possessions
  - Power and witness of apostles
    - Grace of God rested on them.

34-35 The New Community – Caring for one another's needs

- Open hearts, open hands
  - No needy among the family – See Deut 15:4
    - God was fulfilling the promise to His people that there would not be any poor among them.
- Specific solution for a specific problem
  - Problem: Shunned community – see John 9:22; 16:2
  - From time to time
    - These were voluntary and extraordinary acts to meet a special need.

Biblical teaching on needs in the Body –

- Galatians 6:10 – do good to all, especially to the family of believers
- 2 Thessalonians 2:10 – No work? No eat.
- 2 Thessalonians 2:12 – Get a job.
- 2 Cor 8:13 – Equal blessings in the church – meet needs (vs. wants) – one doesn't slave so other does nothing...

Application:

- How is your unity of purpose?