

I Love My Church
Love By Giving

Introduction - When it comes to possessions, the first church knew how to love one another by **HELPING** one another.

Example: Hope chest opposite of seagulls in “Finding Nemo”

I. Release Your **GRIP** - Acts 4:32

- The first church had a loose grip
- Example: Ananias and Sapphira lied about their grip - Acts 5:1-11
- Easy to just “give to the church” absolving ourselves of any responsibility to help others

II. Tighten Your **BELT** - Acts 4:34-35

- Storing versus liquidating; selling “stuff” to demonstrate love for each other
- Living with margin; making room
- Must first know what the needs are; past the fences

III. The **RESULTS** - Acts 4:33-34

- Testimony to Christ’s resurrection - 1 John 3:16-18; John 13:35
- Great grace was upon them - 1 John 5:14-15; Acts 5:12
- There was plenty for all!

Conclusion - May we live **GENEROUSLY** with one another!!

All scripture is from the HCSB unless otherwise noted.