



90. Koinonia Giving

Luke continued to describe the First Century Church,
*“And all those who had believed were together and
had all things in common; and they began selling
their property and possessions and were sharing them
with all, as anyone might have need,”* Acts 2:44-45.

The believers in that First Century Church were de-
voted to koinonia [fellowship] ... an unlimited co-lia-
bility relationship with each other. You must be to-
gether with Believers to have *koinonia* with them.

True fellowship involves being taught the Word, cele-
brating the Lord's supper, and prayer. Another part of
koinonia is the sharing of God-given resources.

Capitalism says, *What is mine is mine. Would you like
to buy some of it ... or borrow some with*

interest? Socialism and communism say, What is yours is ours ... give most of what you have to the government to distribute. A Believer in koinonia with other Believers says, What is mine is ours. I will meet your needs.

Imagine a father giving food to his young son ... telling him to share it with his hungry brothers and sisters. What would you think if the son ignored his brothers and sisters and ate all of the food himself? Or what would you think if he consumed all that he could and then gave a few leftover scraps to them? That would *not* be koinonia. A good son would share with his family ... doing all that he could do to help meet his family's real needs. What has your Father given to you to share? Are you sharing from those resources? The Believers in the First Century Church didn't just give from their excess. They gave from their hearts. How is your *koinonia*?

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