



## Acts 4:32-37 Not a Needy Person Among Them Speaker: Jeff Thompson

**V.32** was voluntary generosity among believers within the Church.

**V.33:** Revisiting the Gospel releases “\_\_\_\_\_”  
\_\_\_\_\_” to every believer.

**VV.34-35:** The Holy Spirit stirred radical generosity  
among the brethren primarily to support  
believers \_\_\_\_\_ to  
\_\_\_\_\_ to be part of the Church.

*By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.” - John 13:35*

*...this is the message you have heard from the beginning: We should love one another... - 1 John 3:11*

The Church is collectively called to meet the practical  
\_\_\_\_\_ of her \_\_\_\_\_.

### 1 Timothy 5:3-16 // Qualifications for Widows:

- Administration was needed to effectively minister to the congregation's needs (V.9).
- Believing biological family members were called to meet the practical needs of their extended family (VV.4-5, 8, 16).

- Elders and/or deacons were to examine her lifestyle and reputation for evidence of sincere and devoted faith (VV.5, 10).
- A lack of good fruit and evidence of self-indulgence revealed a lack of salvation. The need would then be considered repentance, not financial assistance (V.6, 9).
- If physically able to work, she should work (under the age of 60) (V.9; 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12).
- If under the age of 60, she should work and remarry, as idle time at younger ages is generally unprofitable and can even lead to ensnaring sins (VV.13-14).
- If under the age of 60, she is unlikely to have the gift of singleness and her physical desires will lead to a crisis of conscience when she wants to remarry (V.11-12).

Christians are called to always exercise godly  
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(Cf. Matt. 22:37, 39; Gal. 6:10)

Believers are called to be available for specific  
\_\_\_\_\_ prompted by the Holy Spirit,  
at any time. (Cf. Matt. 12:15; John 5:1-13; Acts 3:1-10; Eph. 2:10)

The Holy Spirit will call us, as individuals and as a Church, to specific good works and we will need to be led by the Holy Spirit to determine how we do them, where we do them, whom we do them with, and how long we do them for.

*...don't worry, saying, 'What will we eat?' or 'What will we drink?' or 'What will we wear?' For the Gentiles eagerly seek all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be provided for you. - Matthew 6:31-33*