

## **Acts 4:34 Ministry**

*“There was not a needy person among them”*

Primary point: New Life’s Acts 4:34 ministry is an annual free-will offering to ensure there is no needy person in our church family.

### **A) God’s expectations in charity:** Radical generosity

Luke 12:33; 18:22; Acts 4:32-35; Deut 14:28-29; 15:7-11

### **B) God’s priorities in charity:** Needy and godly Christians

First is your family (1 Tim 5:3-4, 8)

Second is your church family. (Gal 6:10)

Not all poor and needy people are worthy of our generosity. (2 Thess 3:10; 1 Tim 5:3, 9-10)

### **C) God’s purposes for charity:** Gratitude, testimony, & reward

Matt 25:34-40; John 13:34-35; Gal 6:10; 1 Cor 11:20-22; Luke 12:33; 18:22; Prov 19:17

## **Practical Obedience: Acts 3:34 Ministry at New Life**

This Sunday and the next we are asking you to give generously to this fund so that we can give generously to those in need in our church family. Our hope is to raise \$5000.

Discussion ?’s for L.I.F.E. Groups

- 1) What was most meaningful to you about the Sunday message?
- 2) Have you ever received financial help from others? What happened? How did it help you?
- 3) Pastor Kurt gave three biblical reasons God wants us to give to the needy among us? What were they and which one is especially important to you?
- 4) In addition to being needy, what other characteristics should a person have before we generously financially support them? Do you have any (anonymous) examples of giving to people who were not worthy of it?