



## *Sunday Morning Sermon*

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Introduction: There are many things we might admire about the first century Christians, but one of the most amazing things we see is their giving. The book of Acts begins and ends with the Christians meeting regularly to teach, share, and commune together. Let's consider what we know about their giving...

Discussion:

***G = Grace Abounds (2:38-41, 4:32)***

***I = Individual Attention (2:44, 4:34)***

***V = Victorious Living (2:46-47, 4:33)***

***I = Inviting Atmosphere (2:41, 4:33)***

***N = New Creations (2:38, 4:32)***

***G = God is Exalted (2:47, 4:33)***

Conclusion: According to the Bible, having money is not evil, but making the pursuit of money the all-consuming passion of our lives leads to all kinds of evil (**Matthew 6:19-20, I Timothy 6:10**). Money does not cover our *greeds* but our *needs*. Possessions are meant to *share* not to be a *snare*. Have you shared what you have or kept it to yourself? Are you sharing the good news?