

9. **The Sharing On Pentecost** (Acts 2:42-47) The unexpected advent of Christianity on this Jewish Pentecost caused worshippers from distant places (V9-11) to remain in Jerusalem longer than they had planned. They lacked adequate provisions so the local brethren shared with them. (Acts 2:44) “*And all that _____ were together, and had ___ things _____.*” How was this accomplished (V45)? _____ Was this also a one-of-a-kind occasion? _____
10. **An Occasion Of Giving** Many gave and a few are specifically mentioned: (Acts 4:34-37) “*Neither was there any among them that _____: for as many as were _____ of _____ or _____ sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold, And laid them down at the _____: and distribution was made unto every man according as he had _____.*” Note the word “*need.*” (V36-37) “*And---Barnabas---having _____, sold it, and brought the _____, and laid it at the apostles’ _____.*”
11. **Ananias & Sapphira** (Acts 5:1-10) “*A certain man named _____, with Sapphira _____, sold a possession, and kept back _____ of the price.*” They were struck dead (V3ff) because they _____ to the _____. **Moral:** Never say, “I’m giving every penny I can” unless it’s true.
12. **Giving In The Daily Ministration Of The Widows (Acts 6)** “*And in those days, when the number of the _____ was _____, there arose a _____ of the _____ against the Hebrews, because their _____ were _____ in the _____ ministration.*” The Grecians were Greek speaking Jews. This problem was corrected. Does this daily “giving” have anything to do with the modern Sunday “worship hour” collection? Was it temporary or perpetual? _____
13. **Famine Relief** (Acts 11:27-30) The Syrian Antioch church sent relief to _____ brethren by _____ and _____ during a famine prior to the First Evangelistic Journey (46-48 AD).
14. **Apostolic Commendation Of The Macedonian Churches** This happened at the close of the Third Evangelistic Journey (52-57 AD) and is not related to the famine during the reign of Claudius Caesar. (2 Cor 8:1-5) Paul (V1) wants the Corinthians to know of the “_____ of God bestowed on the churches of _____” and of their (V2) “liberality” when “*in a great _____ of _____.*” He speaks of their (V3) willingness in (V4) petitioning that (Paul and company) “*receive the _____, and take upon us the fellowship of the _____ to the _____.*” Were these brethren insistent to give? _____. Should Christians today share this same zeal? _____
15. **Individual Action In Giving** The question of what constitutes scriptural individual vs. collective giving is oft debated. Peter asked Ananias and Sapphira a pointed question (See Q#10): (Acts 5:4) “*Whiles it _____, was it not _____? And after it _____, was it not in _____ own _____?*” It was their *individual* choice to give, or not to give. **No law of the tithe is mandated under the Christian Law.** Christian giving is freewill giving: (2 Cor 9:7) “*Every man according _____ in his heart, so let him give; not _____, or of _____: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*” He is not to deprive his family, or to begrudge his gift.
16. **Collective (Church) Action In Modern Times** The question is **not** whether it is wrong for a church to accept freewill contributions. **It is whether the NT authorizes binding such collections as a required act of worship each and every Sunday.** (b) If it does, specific rules (ie: scriptural guidance) must exist to govern the collection. (c) If they don’t then such rules won’t exist. (Rom 4:15) “*For where _____, there is _____ transgression.*” Can you locate those rules in the NT?
17. **When There Is No Prescribed Pattern** Moses specifics about the tabernacle: (Heb 8:5) “*See, saith he, that thou make _____ according to the _____ showed to thee in the mount.*” We have no specifics of a perpetual weekly contribution being commanded, practiced, or inferred as a binding **act of worship**. Why have we made it such? Expediency motivates me to give on Sundays but we would like to separate it from the “worship” service. Don’t discard the free-will offering. It can be collected as easily before or after worship service. Let’s not make it a *sacrament!* ~Ed~