

7. New Testament Generosity – Walking In The Liberality Of The Spirit

- Acts 4:32-35, NIV – (32) *All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they shared everything they had. ... (34) There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales (35) and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need.*

8. New Testament Mobilization – Walking In The Ministry Of The Spirit

- Acts 6:1-3, NIV – (1) *In those days when the number of disciples was increasing, the Grecian Jews among them complained against the Hebraic Jews because their widows were being overlooked in the daily distribution of food. (2) So the Twelve gathered all the disciples together and said, "It would not be right for us to neglect the ministry of the word of God in order to wait on tables. (3) Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will turn this responsibility over to them.*

SUMMARY

- We can only have a New Testament Church, if we create a New Testament atmosphere.
- An atmosphere of **fullness** - committed to walking in the fullness of the Holy Spirit.
- An atmosphere of **truth** – committed to walking with the sword of the Spirit
- An atmosphere of **affection** - committed to walking in the love of the Holy Spirit
- An atmosphere of **community** – committed to walking in the unity of the Holy Spirit
- An atmosphere of **vision** – committed to walking with the sight of the Holy Spirit
- An atmosphere of **prayer** – committed to walking in the intercession of the Holy Spirit
- An atmosphere of **generosity** – committed to walking in the liberality of the Holy Spirit
- An atmosphere of **mobilization** – committed to walking in the ministry of the Holy Spirit

Creating A New Testament Atmosphere

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- Acts 2:42-47, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. (43) Everyone was filled with awe, and many wonders and miraculous signs were done by the apostles. (44) All the believers were together and had everything in common. (45) Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need. (46) Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, (47) praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.*

1. New Testament Fullness – Walking In The Fullness Of The Spirit

- Acts 1:4-5,8, NIV – (5) *On one occasion, while he [Jesus] was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. (6) For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit. ... (8) ... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."*
- Acts 4:8, NIV – (8) *Then Peter, filled [again] with the Holy Spirit, said to them: "Rulers and elders of the people! ...*
- Acts 4:31, NIV – (31) *After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled [again] with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.*
- Acts 13:9, NIV – (9) *Then Saul, who was also called Paul, filled [again] with the Holy Spirit, looked straight at Elymas and said ...*
- Acts 13:52, NIV – (52) *And the disciples were filled [again] with joy and with the Holy Spirit.*
- Ephesians 5:18, NIV – (18) *Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery. Instead, be filled [regularly and continuously] with the Spirit.*
- It's not about Holy Spirit filling – it's about Holy Spirit fullness!

2. New Testament Truth – Walking With The Sword Of The Spirit

- Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching ...*
- My life will be encouraged by your testimony, but my life will be built on the Word of God
- Acts 4:29, NIV – *Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable your servants to speak your word with great boldness.*
- Acts 6:4, NIV – “... [We] will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the word.”
- Acts 6:7, NIV – *So the word of God spread. The number of disciples in Jerusalem increased rapidly, and a large number of priests became obedient to the faith.*
- Acts 8:4, NIV - *Those who had been scattered preached the word wherever they went.*
- Acts 8:14, NIV – *When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them.*
- Acts 8:25, NIV – *When they had testified and proclaimed the word of the Lord, Peter and John returned to Jerusalem ...*
- Acts 11:1, NIV - *The apostles and the brothers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God.*

3. New Testament Affection – Walking In The Love Of The Spirit

- Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to ... the fellowship...*
- Philippians 1:8, NIV – (8) *God can testify how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus.*
- Romans 12:10, NIV – (10) *Be devoted to one another in brotherly love. Honor one another above yourselves.*
- “Fellowship” – (Gr. *koino_nia*) “a participation in, a sharing in, a contribution to”
- “Devoted to” (Gr. *proskartereo_*) “to attend constantly to, to come along side and be steadfast to”

4. New Testament Community – Walking In The Unity Of The Spirit

- Acts 2:46, NIV – (46) *Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,*
- Matthew 18:19-20, NIV – (19) *“Again, I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything you ask for, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. (20) For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them.”*
- Psalm 133:1-3, NIV – (1) *How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity! ... (3) ... For there the LORD bestows [commands] his blessing, even life forevermore.*

5. New Testament Vision – Walking With The Sight Of The Spirit

- Acts 4:24-25, NIV – (24) *... they raised their voices together in prayer to God. “Sovereign Lord,” they said, “you made the heaven and the earth and the sea, and everything in them. (25) You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of your servant, our father David: “Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain?””*
- They had a New Testament vision of a big God, and a little Satan
- Matthew 16:18, NIV – *“I will build my church, and the gates of hell will not prevail against it”*

6. New Testament Prayer – Walking In The Intercession Of The Spirit

- Acts 2:42, NIV – (42) *They devoted themselves to ... prayer.*
- We will have the power of a New Testament Church, when we pray like a New Testament Church
- 1 Timothy 2:8, NIV – (8) *I want men everywhere to lift up holy hands in prayer ...*
- Isaiah 56:7, NIV – (7) *... these I will bring to my holy mountain and give them joy in my house of prayer. ... for my house will be called a house of prayer for all nations.*