

What If We Celebrated God's Blessings?

Wylie Methodist Church

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Acts 2:41-47

41 Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day. 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.

Acts 4:32-35

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. 33 With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and much grace was upon them all. 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.

When we celebrate God's blessings...

I. WE REALIZE IT'S NOT OUR STUFF

Acts 2:44-45

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Acts 4:32

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2. PEOPLE ARE BLESSED (INCLUDING THE GIVER)

Acts 4:34-35

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3. GOD RECEIVES PRAISE & GLORY

Acts 2:47

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Acts 4:32, 47

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** In 2023, 16.5% of what was put in the Wylie Methodist offering boxes (and online) went to bless others.*