

TAKE HOME SHEET



Series: What's Holding You Back
Message: Holding Back vs. Contributing
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Even a glancing view of the Bible shows us that God intends for His followers to be actively involved and contributing to the mission and maintenance of His church. The church thrives when all the partners/members get involved. Spend some time considering the amazing atmosphere of the church that started in Acts soon after Jesus' resurrection. Imagine what would happen if we imitated their enthusiasm and commitment!

⁴² All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord's Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³ A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴ And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵ They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶ They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord's Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity—⁴⁷ all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT)

When the people devoted themselves fully to the church, several significant things happened:

- A deep sense of awe was all around them and their neighbors
- God did mighty things for and through the church
- The people voluntarily shared what they had to meet the needs of others
- Generosity was common...and joy came with it!
- The impact of what God was doing in and through the church inspired many in the city to accept Jesus

Spend some time praying as you consider the passage.

Ask God to help you to see anyway that you may be holding back from Him, and if something comes to mind, give it to Him.

If you are not currently serving on a ministry team, decide to investigate where we have needs and sign up!