



One in heart and mind ... they shared everything they had ...  
testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus ...  
no needy persons among them. Acts 4: 32-34

## Helping the Poor: The Su Mon Tu We Thu Fri Sat church

Message by Arthur Crane – 16<sup>th</sup> August 2020

### Context:

**The close mutual love and fellowship of the believers.**

**It is already a persecuted church.**

In Acts chapter 4 in the year AD30, the infant church is not even a year old and had already gone through serious trials, such as imprisonment (v.3), threatened beatings and death (2.43-4.37).

And you might have thought .... But “they gave to anyone as he had need.” (2.45)

**Yet with one heart and mind they continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord, and there was “no needy person among them.”**

- **The “One heart and mind” became practical**

The spiritual outworking of foot washing; they got the foot work right.

Love emanating from the heart to the mind to the feet.

- The Heart
- The Mind
- The Feet “... so you also should wash one another’s feet.”
- In what power or what name ....? (4.7)
- By the six ultimates (See last Sunday’s message – 9<sup>th</sup> August)

- **Php 4.9 “..... put it into practice.”**

### **No needy person among them**

What is that in your hand?

By what power or what name did you do this?

- **The Salvation Army**

In the Salvation Army Community Ministries, the Manager, Davina Plummer says they are supporting a wide range of people from all walks of life. ....

- **The Auckland City Mission**

Founded 10 June 1920 “to help people in desperate need.” A vision of Reverend Jasper Calder “as a religious enterprise to spread the Word of God amongst Auckland’s impoverished and working-class”. “Calder saw the church as a social as well as an evangelical entity.”

Distribution of food, clothing, and household items  
older persons, homeless and detoxification services, and op shops.

- **One Tauranga church -**

- runs a Food Bank distribution to the needy, delivers cooked meals to some, provides breakfast at the local Maori school. Some who own building businesses are helping to rebuild the local Maori Medical Centre. With government assistance delivered over \$20,000 worth of groceries to distribute during the Covid lock down. The government provided the food and the church provided the manpower.

- **What can I/we do?**

- 1 **First: Need identification:** What are the needs of -
  - the immediate community of the Carmel church?
  - the wider Ohauti/Pyes Pa/Welcome Bay community
  - the 130 thousand Tauranga community?
- 2 **Second:** How can I assist in providing for any of these needs?
- 3 The church is already ..... and could .....

#### ***4 What can I do?***

## ***No needy persons among them***