

## Reflections on the Character of God

The reflection section has five scriptures that pertain to this week's aspect of God's character. Take one passage a day and reflect on it in the context you find. Note your insights.

The life response sections give you two more verses to ponder. These passages relate to your response to the name, title, or attribute of God. Write down practical responses.

### Protector

Reflection: Exodus 14:5-31; 2 Kings 6:8-23; Psalm 34:7  
Psalm 91:1-16; Psalm 125:1,2

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Life Response: John 17:6-19; 2 Thessalonians 3:1-3

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## A Discipleship Journey - Acts of The Holy Spirit Character Qualities of the Church – March 20, 2022

Primary text: Acts 4:32-37

Misconceptions of this passage – Socialism/Communism  
It is not "What's yours is mine, and I'll take it."  
But "What's mine is yours, and I'll share it."

Great Unity.

The congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul.

The heart has to do with our feelings/emotions.

The soul has to do with our minds/thoughts.

Jeremiah 32:39-41  
John 17:21  
Galatians 5:16-26

We have a lot in common! We are all sinners, forgiven, received the Holy Spirit, members one of another, and we are the body of Christ.

Great Generosity.

The church is "Other's centered and not self-centered"

The church values ministry over money.

The Church values people over possessions.

The scriptures teach us two main principles:

What you have is not really yours. Psalm 24:1  
Do what you can with what you have. Acts 11:29

Great Power.

“With great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus.” V. 33

This was the answer to their prayer in vs. 29, 30

Romans 1:4  
Romans 10: 8-10  
Philippians 3:7-16

Psalm 119 Declares the testimonies of the Lord.

Great Grace.

“and great (abundant) grace was upon them all.”

God’s Riches At Christ’s Expense.

Ephesians 2:8-12 “For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God.” ...

Paul’s testimony – I Cor. 15:10 “By the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace toward me did not prove vain; but I labored even more than all of them, yet not I, but the grace of God with me.”

I Peter 4:10 “As each one has received a special gift, employ it in service one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Conclusion: “Therefore let us draw near with confidence to the throne of grace, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.” Hebrews 4:16

## Discussion Questions:

Read Acts 4:32-37

- 1) In what ways are we united together as the church?
- 2) What are some of the shared experiences that we have as believers.
- 3) What is the difference between Communism and Christianity?
- 4) What are our primary values as believers?
- 5) How should we look at our possessions?
- 6) What does generosity mean to you as a Christian?
- 7) Where do we get testimonies from?
- 8) What would change in the perception of our world if today’s church was described by these verses?
- 9) What keeps us from this being a reality, and what will we do about it?

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