



Who's got the check?

A study of benevolence

The Church in Jerusalem - Acts 2:42-45;

4:32-37; 6:1-4

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Romans 15:25-27

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The Church & The Individual

- What does “church” mean?
- What can we learn from I Corinthians 12:12-14, 27; I Peter 2:4-5?
- What about I Corinthians 5:1-5, 9-11, 12?
- What’s the point?



The Church & The Individual: Examples

- Those in need: Acts 2:45; 4:35; and then 3:1-6.
- Widows: 1 Timothy 5:1-2, 8, 9-12, 16.
- Yourself: 2 Thessalonians 3:10-12



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So, are outsiders out of luck?

Luke 10:25-37





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