





Jesus had a somewhat different view

Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.

John 14:12





Jesus did not see us as worthless sheep but valuable shepherds

But to meet our ministry potential we must surrender all -- Mark 8:35

For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it.



Surrender the three bags of wool — Acts 2:42-47

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Surrender the three bags of wool When we come back to the beginning, we easily see three relationships we must commit to if we are going to move beyond being "good" sheep and become great shepherds



One for the Master (God)

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The key verb here is devoted: The act of dedicating something to a cause, enterprise, or activity



One for the Master (God)

The apostles' teaching: **LEARNING**

Discipleship is not primarily about gaining knowledge but use knowledge (ministry or service)

Fellowship

Prayer

Worship: Met in Temple courts & Breaking a Bread in the homes



The Result — God Worked Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles.

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They were devoted to one another

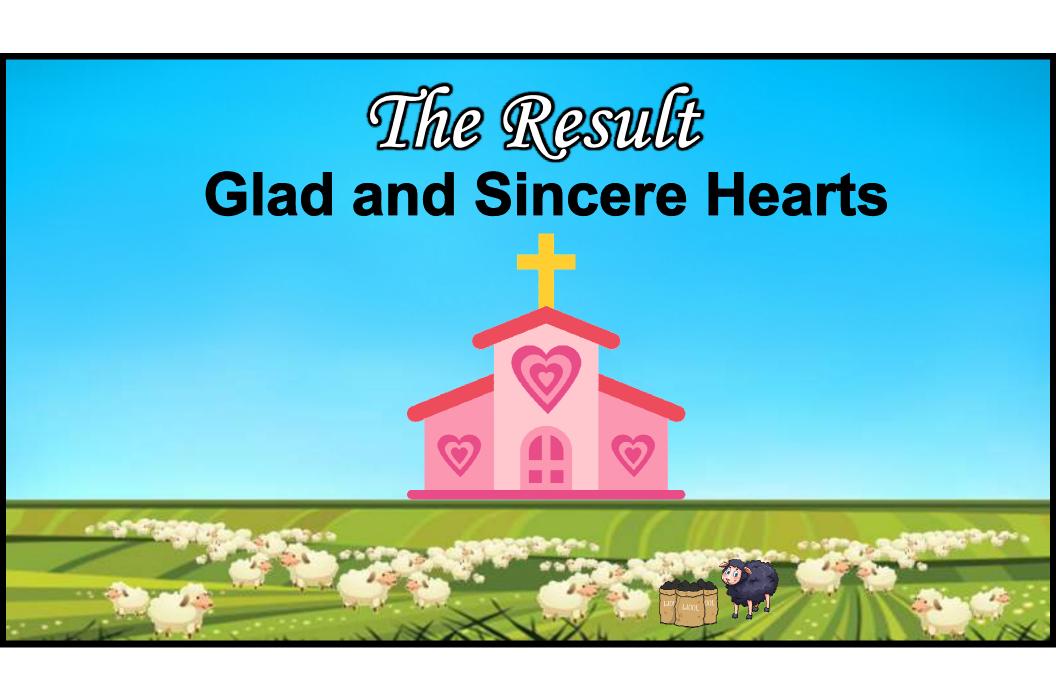
They shared possessions (Financial Resources)

They shared time

Their commitment was not a Sunday thing, it was a daily thing

These people were more than friends, they were family







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One for the Little Boy that lives down the Lane (Reaching the World)

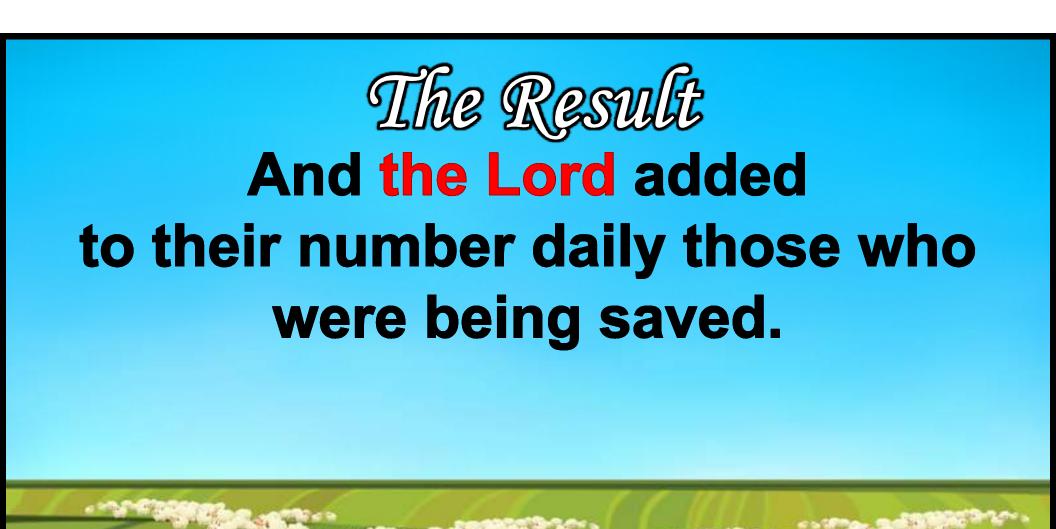
Their glad and sincere hearts spilled into praising God not "in church" but in life

Praisers not complainers

They were excited about what God was doing and could not wait to get there

The secular world looked at them with favor









If God is who makes it grow and its not growing then that means God has a problem with the way we are doing things?

God will never send a sheep to the "slaughter" house, he will only send a sheep to a shepherd





