**The Sharing & Giving Spirit of the Christian**

Brenda's daughter-in-law; Large tumor removed; Then secondary infection. Ordeal has impacted her husband's ability to work. Office is sponsoring a blood drive on this lady’s behalf.

My issues with giving blood [vasovagal syncope or neurocardiogenic syncope] [examples of High School, Hazardous Waste blood tests]; therefore giving blood was not an option for me. So Beth and I gave some money directly to my friend. She had an unusual response; she said she truly appreciated me and Beth’s spirit. I got the impression she had not seen this much in her life before.

I have known and have witnessed the sharing and giving spirit of my brethren here. It is part of our lives as Christians. But the world is not typically like that. Many times there is a hoarding emphasis; like with 401Ks; I know my plan is always telling me I am not putting in enough. Keeping more and more for ourselves can creep into our thinking as well.

We see a beautiful giving and sharing spirit in our children from a young age. When Daniel was very young he overheard Beth and I talking about our budget and not having enough for certain things unless we cut back on others. He then brought out his piggy bank because he wanted to give all that he had to help us. This giving spirit is encouraged by Jesus as well (**Acts 20:35**).

In the OT we see a great example of a sharing and giving spirit when the Israelites gave more than needed for the tabernacle (**Exodus 35, 36:2-7**). This morning I want to focus on the sharing and giving spirit we find in the NT.

**Acts 2**

**Acts 4**

**Acts 5**

**2 Corinthians 8**

**1 Timothy 6**

Maybe you are here and do not have extra funds to share with others (**Acts 3:1-6**)? We Christians have something we can always share with others; the gospel of Jesus Christ (**Acts 8:4-5, 35**). This is a gift that is worth much more than gold or silver. Let us all have a sharing and giving spirit with the gospel of Jesus!

Maybe there is one present who is not a disciple of Jesus today. We all here want to share the gospel with you if you have any questions. We also are ready to help you become a Christian today. Repent of your sins and be baptized for the forgiveness of your sins! Then you can share what has been given to you with others!