Attitudes in Giving

One heart and soul

Ac 2:44-45 "And all those who had believed were together [in heart], and [as a result] had all things in common; and [that is] they began selling...and...sharing..."

Ac 4:32 "And the congregation of those who believed were of one heart and soul; and not one of them claimed that anything belonging to him was his own; but all things were common property to them."

(Cong. budg. meet; not "elders decided" "don't know where money goes")

Grace

Ac 4:33 "And with great power the apostles were giving testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and abundant grace was upon them all." (cmpr 5:11)

Result of FAITH (4:33a) toward those of FAITH — "For there was not a needy person among them" (4:34)

2Co 8:1...4-5; 9:12-13

"Grace" = good-will, lovingkindness, favor.
NOT grumbling...rote...obey elders

Love

- in <u>benevolence</u> -"<u>needs of the saints</u>" 9:13 2Co 8:8 "proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love"
 - 2Co 8:24 "show them the proof of your love"
- in <u>support of those preaching the gospel</u>

 3Jn 6-8 "they have testified to your love ...
 they went out for the sake of the Name,
 accepting nothing from the Gentiles"

Concern

Php 4:10 "I rejoiced in the Lord greatly, that now at last you have revived your concern for me" ... v14, "you have done well to share with me in my affliction"

- Reports ...?
- Budget meeting ...?

Worship

Php 4:18 "having received from Epaphroditus what you have sent, a fragrant aroma, an acceptable sacrifice, well-pleasing to God." Gen 8:21

3Jn 6-7 "You will do well to send them on their way in a manner worthy of God. For they went out for the sake of the Name"

Not so much the men, as WHO their work is honoring!

Note: We worship individually, not collectively

The greatest gift of all! 2Co 8:9; 9:15