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Who is Tony Bennett?

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Acts 2:42-47

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles

Acts 2:42-47

44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.

Acts 2:42-47

46 Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts,

Acts 2:42-47

47 praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

Acts 2 Church

Witness = Words + Deeds

15 Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. 16 If one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,” but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it?

Not Conformed -- Transformed

Jesus gives us two gifts:

Forgiveness → We respond with gratitude

Holy Spirit → God's presence/power in us

The Jesus Eye Exam

Jesus improves my eyesight.

See myself for who I am and who I am becoming.

See others and their needs through eyes of Jesus.

The Jesus Eye Exam

Near Sighted? How do we treat the people closest to us.....family, neighbors, church?

Acts 2 – they were in fellowship

-- they were together

-- they had sincere/glad hearts

Philippians 2

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion,

2 then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Philippians 2

3 Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit.

Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.



Jesus Eye Exam

Farsighted -- See the needs of others.

Acts 2:4 5 “They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.”

Open your calendar and wallet and heart.

Deeds open the ears of others.

Jesus Eye Exam

Seeing the Future -- Uprooting Evil and Injustice

“The Spirit of the Lord is on me, He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners.....to set the oppressed free, to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

Let's end slavery.
For good.



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Set Slaves Free

Throw Oppressors in Jail

Stop Slave Trade Forever





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