

**BIG PRAYERS**  
**Big Church – Part 2**  
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The gift of the Holy Spirit was given.

**Mission:** that people would know that Jesus has risen from the dead, and that they would embrace His teachings.

The Church started as an outward focused movement.

1. The Church tends to turn inward.

**1 Corinthians 11:27-29 (NIV)** “So then, whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. <sup>28</sup> Everyone ought to examine themselves before they eat of the bread and drink from the cup. <sup>29</sup> For those who eat and drink without discerning the body of Christ eat and drink judgment on themselves.”

2. How a Church prays indicates if it strays.

**Acts 3:6 (NIV)** “Then Peter said, ‘Silver or gold I do not have, but what I do have I give you. In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk.’”

**Acts 4:12 (NIV)** “Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.”

**Acts 4:13-14 (NIV)** “When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say.”

**Acts 4:19-20 (NIV)** “But Peter and John replied, ‘Which is right in God’s eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.’”

**Acts 4:24 (NIV)** “When they heard this, they raised their voices together in prayer to God. ‘Sovereign Lord,’ they said, ‘You made the heavens and the earth and the sea, and everything in them.’”

**Acts 4:25-26 (NIV)** “You spoke by the Holy Spirit through the mouth of Your servant, our father David: ‘Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? <sup>26</sup> The kings of the earth rise up and the rulers band together against the Lord and against His Anointed One.’”

**Acts 4:27-28 (NIV)** “Indeed Herod and Pontius Pilate met together with the Gentiles and the people of Israel in this city to conspire against Your holy servant Jesus, whom You anointed. <sup>28</sup> They did what Your power and will had decided beforehand should happen.”

**Acts 4:29-30 (NIV)** “Now, Lord, consider their threats and enable Your servants to speak Your word with great boldness. <sup>30</sup> Stretch out Your hand to heal and perform signs and wonders through the name of Your holy servant Jesus.”

God designed you to see what you’re looking for.

3. A BIG Church must NOT pray small prayers.

**Acts 4:31 (NIV)** “After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.”

**Acts 4:32 (NIV)** “All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.”

**Acts 4:33-35 (NIV)** “With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God’s grace was so powerfully at work in them all <sup>34</sup> that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales <sup>35</sup> and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.”

Your money follows your prayers.

**Matthew 10:30 (NIV)** “And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered.”

**Jeremiah 29:12-13 (NIV)** “Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. <sup>13</sup> You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.”