

# Acts 4:34

Authorized King James Version (KJV)

Neither was there any among them that lacked: for as many as were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the prices of the things that were sold,

## Analysis

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The statement 'neither was there any among them that lacked' fulfills Deuteronomy 15:4's ideal - 'there shall be no poor among you.' The Greek 'endeēs' (lack) indicates genuine need, not desire. This economic sharing wasn't mandated redistribution but Spirit-produced generosity. The next phrase explains: voluntary property sales funded need-based distribution. This modeled kingdom economics where stewardship replaces ownership.

## Historical Context

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Jerusalem's church faced unique pressures: diaspora converts remaining after Pentecost needed support, and persecution cost believers employment. This voluntary communalism addressed crisis while demonstrating supernatural love. Later, Paul's collection for Jerusalem poor (Romans 15:26) suggests this system required external support.

## Related Passages

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**Hebrews 11:1** — Definition of faith

**Romans 1:17** — The righteous shall live by faith

## Study Questions

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1. How does Spirit-produced generosity create communities where none lack?
2. What distinguishes biblical voluntary sharing from political forced redistribution?

## Interlinear Text

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οὐδὲ	γὰρ	ἐνδεής	τις	ὑπῆρχον	ἐν	αὐτοῖς·
Neither	for	that lacked	there any	was	among	them
G3761	G1063	G1729	G5100	G5225	G1722	G846
ὅσοι	γὰρ	κτήτορες	χωρίων	ἢ	οἰκιῶν	ὑπῆρχον
as many as	for	possessors	of lands	or	houses	was
G3745	G1063	G2935	G5564	G2228	G3614	G5225
πωλοῦντες	ἔφερον	τὰς	τιμὰς	τῶν	πιπρασκομένων	
sold them	and brought	G3588	the prices	G3588	of the things that were sold	
G4453	G5342		G5092		G4097	

## Additional Cross-References

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**Acts 2:45** (Parallel theme): And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need.

**Luke 16:9** (Parallel theme): And I say unto you, Make to yourselves friends of the mammon of unrighteousness; that, when ye fail, they may receive you into everlasting habitations.

**Luke 12:33** (Parallel theme): Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth.

**Mark 10:21** (Parallel theme): Then Jesus beholding him loved him, and said unto him, One thing thou lackest: go thy way, sell whatsoever thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come, take up the cross, and follow me.

**Matthew 19:21** (Parallel theme): Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go and sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come and follow me.

**Deuteronomy 2:7** (Parallel theme): For the LORD thy God hath blessed thee in all the works of thy hand: he knoweth thy walking through this great wilderness: these forty years the LORD thy God hath been with thee; thou hast lacked nothing.

**Luke 22:35** (Parallel theme): And he said unto them, When I sent you without purse, and scrip, and shoes, lacked ye any thing? And they said, Nothing.

**1 Timothy 6:19** (Parallel theme): Laying up in store for themselves a good foundation against the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.

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