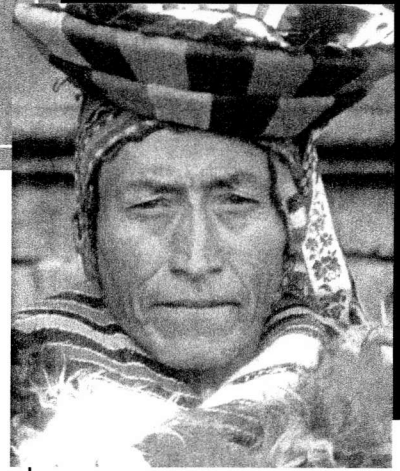


# LESSON 7



## *Chapter 4:32-37*

*Many of the new followers of Jesus had no home and no work in Jerusalem. They had just been visiting that city when they heard about Jesus and were baptized. They wanted to stay and learn more, so the disciples who lived in Jerusalem took care of the needs of all of the followers by sharing everything.*

<sup>32</sup>The whole group of believers was united in their thinking and in what they wanted. None of them said that the things they had were their own. Instead, they shared everything. <sup>33</sup>With great power the apostles were making it known to everyone that the Lord Jesus was raised from death. And God blessed all the believers very much. <sup>34</sup>None of them could say they needed anything. Everyone who owned fields or houses sold them. They brought the money they got <sup>35</sup>and gave it to the apostles. Then everyone was given whatever they needed.

<sup>36</sup>One of the believers was named Joseph. The apostles called him Barnabas. (This name means "A person who helps others.") He was a *Levite* born in Cyprus. <sup>37</sup>Joseph sold a field he owned. He brought the money and gave it to the apostles.

## **NEW WORDS:**

united	blessed
owned	sold

## **LET'S PRACTICE!**

### **"Yes" or "No"!**

The early followers of Jesus had the same spirit because they

- had many fields and houses.
- were wealthy.
- were united in their thinking.

They shared everything

- and received everything they needed.
- because the apostles commanded it.
- except very expensive things.

### **For discussion:**

Who is Joseph?

Why did he sell his field?