Restoring The New Testament Church

Restore

- **Definition:**
  - 1.   To bring back into existence or use: i.e. restore law and order.
  - 2.   To bring back to an original condition: i.e. restore a building.
    - The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language

The Original Condition

- The multitude were of one heart — Acts 4:32-35
- The people esteemed them highly — Acts 5:12-13
- They showed the wisdom of God — Eph 3:8-10
- They were the family of God — Eph 3:14-19
- They were ... — Rom 12:9-15
- They pr... — ...ph 6:18
- They co... — ...eb 10:24
- They ge... — ...al 6:1
- They bo... — ...al 6:2
- With each examining his own actions — Gal 6:4
- And each doing his part in love — Eph 4:16

Now the multitude of those who believed were of one heart and one soul;
And through the hands of the apostles many signs and wonders were
To me, who am less than the least of all the saints, this grace was given,
For this reason I... ... Jesus Christ. [15]
Let love *be* with... ...to what is good.
praying always w... ...int, being
And let us consider... ...d good works,
Brethren, if a ma... ...are spiritual
Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.
But let each one examine his own work, and then he will have rejoicing
in himself alone, and not in another.

Eph 4:16 from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by what every joint supplies, according to the effective working by which every part does its share, causes growth of the body for the edifying of itself in love.

Some Questions

- Are we in one accord or splintered and divided?
- Do those outside respect us or see us as hypocrites?
- Do we act like the children of a good, merciful and loving Father?
- Are we a good example of a family or a dysfunctional example?
- Are we loving and kind or backbiting and divisive?
- Are we praying for each other or accusing each other?
- Are we encouraging each other or discouraging each other?
- Do we gently restore the fallen or knock them down a little farther?
- Do we bear each others burdens or let them fall under the load?
- Do we examine ourselves or point fingers at others?
- WHAT AM I DOING TO HELP THE CHURCH GROW IN LOVE?

Repent and Do The First Works

– Revelation 2:5 - "Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."