

# Let Us Follow the Scripture

by St. Benedict of Nursia

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*The sermon emphasizes the importance of following the Scripture by distributing resources according to need and avoiding murmuring in the community.*

**Scripture:** Acts 4:35, Romans 2:11, Philippians 2:3, Philippians 4:11, James 4:6

**Topics:** "Christian Community", "Humility"

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## Description

St. Benedict of Nursia emphasizes the importance of distributing resources according to each person's needs, without showing favoritism but with consideration for weaknesses and infirmities. Those who require less should be grateful to God and avoid discontent, while those in greater need should humbly acknowledge their infirmity rather than feeling superior due to the assistance they receive. St. Benedict stresses the need for peace among all members, condemning murmuring in any form and suggesting severe discipline for those engaging in such behavior.

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## Transcript

Let us follow the Scripture,

"Distribution was made to each

according as anyone had need" (Acts 4:35).

By this we do not mean that there should be respecting of persons

(which God forbid),

but consideration for infirmities.

She who needs less should thank God and not be discontented;

but she who needs more

should be humbled by the thought of her infirmity

rather than feeling important

on account of the kindness shown her.

Thus all the members will be at peace.  
Above all, let not the evil of murmuring appear  
for any reason whatsoever  
in the least word or sign.  
If anyone is caught at it,  
let her be placed under very severe discipline.

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