

A Practical Plan for Generous Giving

Take God At His Word – Part 3

Full Life Church – September 13, 2009

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Joshua 1:8 (NIV) Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV) You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (NIV) Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

1. Think like a godly _____

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (NIV) Do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you, whom you have received from God? You are not your own; you were bought at a price.

1A. Understand that God owns _____

Psalms 50:9-10 (NIV) I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

1B. Believe _____ you have comes from God

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV) Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

2. Act like a trusted _____

2A. Be a _____ giver

1 Timothy 6:18 (NIV) Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

2B. Be a _____ giver

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV) Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

2C. Be a _____ giver

1 Corinthians 16:2 (NIV) On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

3. Feel like a precious _____

3A. God is _____ you for the future

1 Timothy 6:19 (NIV) In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

3B. God will _____ for you

Philippians 4:18-19 (NIV) ... I have received ... the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Message Study Guide
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(Answer questions based on the message outline and Chapter 3 of *Taking God at His Word* – available free at the Guest Table)

1. Read each passage about God's Kingdom and contrast it with the world's mind-set:

1 Chronicles 29:12

Psalms 50:9,10

Proverbs 3:9,10

Proverbs 10:22

1 Timothy 6:6-10

2. How does giving help us become more like God? Why did God create a world that calls on us to give in order to meet needs?

3. When Christians really take Psalm 50:10 to heart, how will it affect their views on material possessions?

4. As you read these three passages, focus on the attitudes you think that God wants His children to develop. List as many as you can.

Malachi 3:10

Luke 6:38

2 Corinthians 9:6-12

5. Discuss the steps people need to take with each giving decision to maximize their effectiveness as managers of God's resources. What wisdom might God be trying to give you in order to determine this (James 1:5)?

Decision 1—Give to the Lord this Sunday.

Decision 2—Give to the Lord every Sunday.

Decision 3—Give "tithes and offerings."