

STEWARDSHIP

GIVING IS
Christian

Family Devotional

Doing What Has To Be Done

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Giving Is Christian



Dear Church Family,

This year our Stewardship theme is “Giving Is Christian.” If we belong to Christ, it is logical to give, We are never more like Christ than when we give. Through this journey, I am praying God will inspire all of us to give like Christ.

This devotion booklet is being provided to help every family focus their hearts on the stewardship of their lives. You are invited on a twenty-one day spiritual journey to a more generous life. Twenty-one devotions have been provided, written by the pastoral staff, to encourage and equip you to maximize your life for Christ.

Each day, gather with your family and read these devotional thoughts, discuss them with your family and then pray for obedience towards God’s perfect will. You will not regret making this effort.

Pastor Mike

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Overcoming Materialism

Pastor Mike Sanders

People drive to the mall in cars that they cannot afford, to spend money that they don't have, to buy things that they don't need, to impress people that they don't like. It is easy to fall into the trap of materialism.

Having a proper view of money and possessions and managing them scripturally are serious challenges that face everyone. Sixteen of thirty-eight parables told by Christ speak about how people should handle possessions and money. One out of every ten verses in the Gospels speaks about money.

Everyone needs to realize it's not a question of how much money you have; it's a question of where your heart is and what you do with what you have. What principles in the Bible will help me to overcome materialism.

1. God Owns Everything: (Psalm 24:1 KJV) "The earth is the LORD'S, and the fullness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein." If we belong to Christ, it's logical that everything we have truly belongs to Him. Because God owns everything, let's give Him the credit for anything that we have.

2. God Controls Everything: Proverbs 16:9 (NKJV) "A man's heart plans his way, But the LORD directs his steps." You can trust Him with your financial concerns. Even through our finances God is doing a special work within us and nothing is beyond His control.

3. God Provides Everything: Philippians 4:19 (NASB) "And my God will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory in Christ Jesus." Quit worrying about what you don't have, and focus on who God is and trust Him to provide what is best for you.

Let me tell you a secret. Materialism will fail you in the end. You can take all your stocks, bonds, and mutual fund certificates and hug them, but in the end they will leave you cold, lonely and in the dark.

John D. Rockefeller once said, "I have made many millions, but they have brought me no happiness."

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How God Taught Me To Give

Pastor Art Brown

It was 1970, I was at a Bible conference at Thomas Road Baptist Church. The preacher was preaching on the conversion of Paul. When Paul got saved the first thing he did was, he...

Gave Himself To God

Act 9 :6 “And he trembling and astonished said, ‘Lord what will thou have me to do.’” I wrote in the flyleaf of my Bible, “Lord what will thou have me to do.” I gave myself to God.

Gave Of His Time

Act 20:20 “And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you but have shewed you and have taught you publicly and have taught you from house to house.” I came back from Thomas Road and got involved in the bus ministry, soul winning and Sunday School. I gave of my time.

Gave Of His Finance

One day I read Malachi 3:10. I did not know what a tithe was, so I looked it up and it was one-tenth of my income. I did not want to rob God so from that day on I have been proving Luke 6:38.

“As thunder follows lightning, giving follows grace.”

Randy Alcorn

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Investing in God's Kingdom

Pastor Mike Sanders

Galatians 6:7-9 ESV

“Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.”

During an unusually wet season, a farmer in a small town in Ohio lost half his soybean crop. As he walked through his fields surveying the terrible scene of drowned plants, he came upon an unusual plant that stood firm and well among the other plants.

The farmer was shocked by its size. As he examined it, he found it contained 202 soybean pods. When he opened them, he counted out 503 beans, an extraordinary number for a single plant.

He took the beans home and kept them in a pan all winter to dry. Then when spring arrived, he planted them in a small plot behind his house. By October, his 503 soybeans had produced a harvest of 32 pounds of new beans.

Encouraged by the production of his new harvest he looked around for a larger plot. He found a one-acre piece of ground and planted his 32 pounds of beans on it. When October arrived, he marveled to discover that those 32 pounds had produced an extraordinary harvest of beans totaling 2,409 pounds.

He was ecstatic. But by now his harvest, was outgrowing his land. All he had available was a 68-acre plot. So he planted all 2,409 pounds on it.

The following October, just 3 years after harvesting the 503 beans from that single plant, he was again dumfounded following his soybean harvest—an astonishing 2100 bushels.

That's an example of God's investment principle at work. And it's the same reason your investment of resources into the kingdom of God works wonders.

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Giving Example

Pastor Carl McKee

Luke 6: 38

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”

What a wonderful verse with a tremendous promise from God. This verse speaks of acts of charity or the giving of one’s resources.

The illustration used to demonstrate how we are to give to others is in how to make a good measure of grain. First the grain is poured into a basket and then shaken to make room for more grain. Then, it is pressed down with the hands to compact it and make room for even more grain and finally more grain is poured in until it overflows.

What a beautiful picture of how God blesses those who willingly give to His work and His people. The blessings may come immediately or in the future, but we can be assured God is faithful to His promises.

Are we giving to bless and help others? When we are obedient to His will, we are blessed beyond measure.

I trust you will see the joy there is in giving to others.

Psa 119:33-35 Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law; yea, I shall observe it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments; for therein do I delight.

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Man Too Wealthy to Tithe

Pastor Mike Sanders

D. James Kennedy tells a story of a man who came to Peter Marshall, former chaplain of the United States Senate, with a concern about tithing. He said: "I have a problem. I have been tithing for some time. It wasn't too bad when I was making \$20,000 a year. I could afford to give the \$2,000. But you see, now I am making \$500,000, and there is just no way I can afford to give away \$50,000 a year."

Dr. Marshall reflected on this wealthy man's dilemma but gave no advice. He simply said: "Yes, sir. I see that you do have a problem. I think we ought to pray about it. Is that all right?" The man agreed, so Dr. Marshall bowed his head and prayed with boldness and authority. "Dear Lord, this man has a problem, and I pray that you will help him. Lord, reduce his salary back to the place where he can afford to tithe." Kevin G. Harney, *Seismic Shifts* (Zondervan, 2005), p. 200

We need to think biblically about money, because money matters are profoundly spiritual at their core. **The way we look at and use money is a sure barometer of our spiritual condition.**

(1 Timothy 6:17 KJV) "Charge them that are rich in this world, that they be not highminded, nor trust in uncertain riches, but in the living God, who giveth us richly all things to enjoy".

Give to God what's right - not what's left!

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Giving is Christian

By Wilford Rathel

When I think of this theme I first think of the meaning of the word “Christian”. If you look it up the dictionary will tell you that it means “Christ like”. The second definition that I found was “kind and unselfish”.

As I think of these definitions I am reminded of the fact that to be like Christ is to be ready and willing to give as He gave. The Bible tells us that in 2 Corinthians 8:9, “though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich.” This lets us know that Christ was more than will to give and give that I might live. If I am going to be “Christ like” then I will give in the same manner.

The second definition was “kind and unselfish”. Here I see through the example of Christ that His action on the cross was more assuredly kind and very unselfish. In today’s world of everyone being worried about “self” we need to make sure we follow the example of Christ and that we adopt the mind of Christ to become “kind and unselfish”

If we do these two things then we will realize how “Giving is Christian’ because it makes us “like Christ, kind and unselfish”.

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God will Provide!

Pastor Mike Sanders

World War II was the most devastating conflict in History, causing the death of millions of people, especially in Europe. At the close of the war the allies, as part of their effort to rebuild Europe, assumed the care of millions of orphans from cities all over the continent. Relief officials built various camps to care for those children. As the program developed, the capacity of the camps had to be expanded because of the vast number of children that were being found and brought to the facilities. The orphans received the best care available, including the healthiest of food and drink.

But the administrators at one of the camps became very disturbed because the children, after just a few weeks, were no longer sleeping. Even though they received three meals a day, were clothed and bathed, and had adequate beds to sleep in, the children began staying awake all night. The perplexed officials interviewed the boys and girls as part of a study to discover the source of the problem. Before long they found a solution and implemented it.

The dormitory attendants began placing a small loaf of bread into the hand of each little child at bedtime. So before falling asleep the last thing each boy or girl would experience was the feel of bread in their hands. In a matter of days the children were all sleeping through the night, reassured by the bread that there would be food for tomorrow. They had been anxious because past experience had taught them that having food one day didn't necessarily guarantee anything for the next. But when they began to fall asleep with a small loaf in one hand, their fears were dispelled.

(Philippians 4:19 KJV) “ But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:19 is the loaf of bread God places into your hand each day!

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Utilize what You have

Pastor Mike Sanders

Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more.

(Luke 12:48 ESV)

It's not what we have that counts. It's how we use what we have that is the issue.

The world of science immediately recognizes the name of Stephen Hocking. This intellectual genius holds a prestigious office at Oxford University. One of his most notable accomplishments is the development of "THE BLACK HOLE" theory.

Years ago, Stepehn Hocking was stricken with the feared Lou Gehrig's Disease which causes a deteriorating of bodily function. It is a debilitating neuromuscular disease which is harsh and cruel in its effect upon the body. Hocking's condition is so severe that he is practically motionless. Only his eyes glance about. Yet Hocking is not to be dejected. He continues to work - by using one finger on a computer - his last remaining motor function. Hocking utilizes what he has. How about you?

**When a man becomes rich,
either God gains a partner
or the man loses his soul.**

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Becoming A Model Of Generosity Part 1

By Pastor Mike Sanders

2nd Corinthians 9:1-7

The context of this passage refers to believers' generosity. The word "generous" means "to be liberal in giving or sharing; magnanimous." In the original Greek it literally meant "openhearted." Generosity is the opposite of fear and stinginess.

WHAT MAKES FOR GENEROUS GIVING?

Giving from the heart is investing with God.

(2nd Corinthians 9:6 ESV) The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

When you give to God, he gives back to you.

Luke 6:38 (NKJV) *"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."*

GOD WILL MEET YOUR NEEDS.

(Matthew 6:4 KJV) *"That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly."*

GOD WILL OVERWHELM YOU WITH HIS GRACE.

Philippians 4:17 (NASB) *"Not that I seek the gift itself, but I seek for the profit which increases to your account."*

**Giving 10% isn't the ceiling of giving,
it is the floor!**

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Becoming a Model of Generosity Part 2

By Pastor Mike Sanders
2nd Corinthians 9:1-7

The Macedonia believer's attitude and their pattern of giving is a model for all Christians.

GENUINE GIVING IS TO BE SACRIFICIAL.

In uncertain times many of us hesitate to continue our commitment. Yet I believe God gives us strength to do what God has called us to do.

(2 Corinthians 8:2 ESV) *"for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part."*

(2nd Samuel 24:24 ESV) *"... I will not offer burnt offerings to the LORD my God that cost me nothing."*

GIVE DESPITE YOUR CIRCUMSTANCES

It is estimated that only 5-12% of Christians faithfully give 10% or more of their income to the Lord's work.

Luke 16:10 (NASB) "He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much.

MATERIAL GIVING CORRELATES TO SPIRITUAL BLESSINGS

(2nd Corinthians 9:6 ESV) The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

**Your use of money shows
what you think of God!**

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Why I Can Depend On God's Promises

Pastor Mike Sanders

(Philippians 4:19 KJV) "But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus."

A young man from a wealthy family was about to graduate from high school. It was the custom in that affluent neighborhood for the parents to give the graduate an automobile. "Bill" and his father had spent months looking at cars, and the week before graduation, they found the perfect car.

On the eve of his graduation, his father handed him a gift wrapped Bible. Bill was so angry that he threw the Bible down and stormed out of the house. He and his father never saw each other again. It was the news of his father's death that brought Bill home again. As he sat one night going through his father's possessions that he was to inherit, he came across the Bible his father had given him. He brushed away the dust and opened it to find a cashier's check, dated the day of his graduation-in the exact amount of the car they had chosen together.

Bill realized that the promise of his father was in the Bible, so it is today for us. We will find the promises of our Heavenly Father in the Bible.

What is so wonderful is that God keeps His promises. Some of us live as if we do not realize it. Keeping promises is not a very popular activity in our society today. Promises are made and broken all the time, in all areas of our lives. But you can depend on the promises of God.

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The Power of Team Goals

Pastor Mike Sanders

Ephesians 4:1-16

Napoleon once pointed to a map of China and said, “There lies a sleeping giant. If it ever wakes up, it will be unstoppable.”

I believe The Open Door Church is a sleeping giant. Each Sunday our church is filled with members who are doing nothing with their faith except “keeping” it.

If we can ever awaken and unleash the massive talent, resources, creativity, and energy lying dormant in this church, The Open Door Church will explode with growth at an unprecedented rate.

Regardless of what type of team we are talking about, whether it’s a sports team, a marriage team, family team, business team or a church team having a team goal is absolutely essential.

How To Rreach Our Goals

1. Have the right attitude: vs 1-3

Humility, Meekness, Patience, Understanding, Unity

2. Learn from the right analogy: vs 4-6

Unity in the Spirit, the Son, the Father

A.W. TOZER - “It is too bad that anything so obvious should need to be said at this late date, but from all appearances, we Christians have about forgotten the lesson so carefully taught by Paul: God’s servants are not to be competitors, but co-workers.

3. Develop the right approach: 7-16

Team approach

Spiritual gifts approach

Bring them in, Build them up, Send them out approach.

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Giving Demonstrates The Condition Of Our Heart

By Pastor Mike Sanders

God entrusts believers with material goods so they may use them for His glory.

(Psalms 35:27 KJV) *“Let them shout for joy, and be glad, that favour my righteous cause: yea, let them say continually, Let the LORD be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.”*

A person’s ability to follow Biblical principles for finances is a vital aspect of a person’s spiritual development.

(2 Corinthians 9:2 ESV) *“for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.”*

Giving cheerfully reflects a proper attitude toward all that you have. Matthew 6:21 (NKJV) *“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”*

Make your giving a delight, not a duty or drudgery. The truth is you can't be both generous and grumpy. Giving is more than just writing a check or putting cash in the offering plate, it's about my heart and God's glory.

**God looks at the heart,
not the hand -
the giver, not the gift.**

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Giving Is To Be Personally Determined

By Pastor Mike Sanders

(2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV) *“Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.”*

Paul expected every believer in Corinth to contribute something to the offering for Jerusalem.

According to one survey, about 31 percent of church members give little or nothing to their churches.

Several years ago, Ted Turner created a buzz when he pledged to give \$1 billion to the United Nations over the course of 10 years. At the time, it was the largest philanthropic gift ever given. When his financial empire ran into trouble, he was not able to fulfill the pledge.

Don't give impulsively or haphazardly; think about what you'll give.

GIVE IN RESPONSE TO A NEED

(2 Corinthians 9:1-2 ESV) *“Now it is superfluous for me to write to you about the ministry for the saints, for I know your readiness, of which I boast about you to the people of Macedonia, saying that Achaia has been ready since last year. And your zeal has stirred up most of them.”*

(Acts 2:45 ESV) *“And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.”*

**Do your givin'
While you are livin'
Then your know'in
Where it's goin'**

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Wise Stewardship

Pastor Chuck Rathel

“...and the same was accused unto him that he had wasted his goods.”

Luke 16-1-9

Some people are surprised to find out that Jesus spoke more about hell than He did about heaven. But would it surprise you that there was one topic that Jesus talked about more than hell or heaven? That topic was money. When you read the first three gospels, one out of every six verses deal with the use or abuse of money. Sixteen of the thirty-four parables that Jesus told deals specifically and directly with money. There are over 500 verses in the Bible that deal with prayer. But there are over 2500 verses that deal with money.

Why is it that Jesus spoke so much about money? One reason is that it is a very important part of life. You can't get along without money. You can't buy food, drive a car or put gasoline in it without money. Money is absolutely essential in this world in which we are living. Someone has said, "Money is a universal passport to everywhere but heaven; universal provider of everything but happiness." So money is important in our relationship with this world.

How we handle money is important in our relationship with God. Jesus said in v.13, "No servant can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon." Mammon is an Aramaic word for wealth or riches. If you love money, you can't also love God. If you love God, you won't love money, but use it for God. So Jesus tells a story to explain to you and to me the importance of the right use of the money that we have. We are to be good stewards of the money God has entrusted to us, and we are to use money for godly purposes.

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Serve Him with Your Whole Being

Pastor Doug Kaler

Romans 6:13

“And do not present your members as instruments of unrighteousness to sin: but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness to God.” (NKJV)

Tongue

Your tongue should always give praise to the Lord (Ps 66:17). Do not use your tongue to give glory to yourself or worldly things. (Ps34:13) Give all you say to the Lord.

Hands

Be quick to use your hands for God's work. Do not let your hands accomplish works that glorify un-Godly things. Give all your manual labor to the Lord.

Feet

Always walk in the Light of the Lord (Psalm 89:15). Do not let your feet guide you to things of this world that would displease God. Give all your paths to the Lord.

Ears

Listen to things that glorify our Father. Do not listen to songs or things that will lead you away from God. Give all that you hear to the Lord.

Mind

Have thoughts of praise and thanksgiving to the Lord. Never let your mind wander on things of destruction or ruin that will bring harm to Jesus Christ (Phil 4:8). Give all you thoughts to the Lord.

Heart

Love God with all your heart and give Him all of your heart today. Do not let your heart get hard with the sins of this world. Give your all to the Lord.

Serve God today with all of your heart, soul, spirit and physical being so that others might come to know Him through your faithfulness.

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How Giving Makes us Joyful

Pastor Mike Sanders

The Philippian Christians had learned the secret of joyful, liberal financial giving. The church in Philippi had taken up an offering to give to Paul, in prison because of his faith. Paul wrote back to the church and expressed his joy.

(Philippians 4:10 ESV) I rejoiced in the Lord greatly that now at length you have revived your concern for me. You were indeed concerned for me, but you had no opportunity.

Giving makes us joyful because it revives our concern (v. 10)

Giving takes the focus from ourselves and puts it onto someone or something else.

Giving makes us joyful because it teaches us contentment (v. 11-13)

Can a Christian really attain joyful contentment, especially in our materialistic world? Yes (Read verse 13). From our union with Jesus comes the strength to learn contentment.

Giving makes us joyful because it allows us to become partners in ministry (v. 14)

The Open Door Church recognizes the importance of partnering with one another. We do this through the Faith Promise Missions Giving, an ingenious missions support plan that allows us to do far more together than we could individually.

Giving makes us joyful because it pays spiritual dividends (vv. 17-18)

A study of the giving patterns in churches of five major denominations revealed that those who commit to tithe, give an average of \$4,042 per year. Those giving "what they can afford each week" average \$1,882. Seventy-five percent of the money given to churches comes from 25 percent of the people. These figures show just how many people are missing the blessings that result from giving.

Giving makes us joyful because it grows our faith in God (v. 19) As

we give financially to the Lord's work, we become keepers of the flame. We help spread the gospel message. We meet people's needs. We assist people in growing spiritually. We enable our churches to shine as God's light in the world. Such privileges fill our hearts with joy.

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Heart & Treasure

Pastor Chuck Rathel

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:34

Most of us don't like to carry a lot of money around with us, so we put our money in the bank and when we need something, we just write a check or use our debit card to pay for it. It is important to keep track of all of the purchases you have made so you don't spend more money than you have in the bank. Each time we make a purchase, we record that purchase. That way we have a record of exactly how much money we have spent and where we spent it. You know, you can tell a lot about people by looking at their spending habits. You can tell what is really important to them by how they spend their money.

Jesus said, "Where your treasure is, there will be your heart also." The heart is a symbol of love. So, what Jesus is saying, is that you can tell what a person really loves by what he treasures the most. How do you know what a person treasures the most? Do you ask them what is the most important thing in their lives? No.

There are two ways you can tell what is important to a person. The first is how they spend their money and the second is how they spend their time. If we say that we love God, but spend all of our money on ourselves, do we really love God or self? If we say we love God, but never spend any time with Him, do we really love God? Jesus said that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. If we say we love our neighbor but never share what God has given us, do we really love our neighbor? You don't learn what a person's treasure is by asking him. You learn by where they spend their time and their money. Look at the things you spend your time and money on and ask yourself, "What is most important to me?"

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How To Prepare For A Miracle

Pastor Mike Sanders

Mark 6:34-43

In the story of the little boy and the five loaves, we see how God prepares us to accomplish a miracle through us. First we must...

Admit You Have A Need For A Miracle. Vs 34-37

God won't help you until you admit you need help. What are you asking God to do that only He can do?

Find Out What You Have To Work With. Vs 38-40

Two Questions to ask. What do I have? What am I doing with it? God always starts with what I have when he wants to do a miracle. Has God ever asked you to do something that is humanly impossible?

Give God Whatever You Have. Vs 41

He asked them to give what they had. When the disciples searched and discovered only one boy who had 5 loaves and 2 fishes – they asked him to give it to Jesus. (John 6:9) Jesus took that small amount of food and used it to create abundance.

God will use whatever I give Him. God doesn't want what you have, he wants what it represents---your heart.

Expect God to Multiply What You Give Him. Vs 42-43

Whatever I give God, He gives me more back. While we're waiting for God to do something for us, He is waiting to do something in us and through us.

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Following God's Direction

Dr. Pete Rathel

2 Corinthians 8:1-12

I know that giving is not the most popular subject for most Christians and really I do not understand that. Giving to God is and should be a joy. If you read closely the passage that we are using today you see some really important words. Look at several phrases:

Verse 1 - "The Grace of God" - Folks, nothing is more important in our lives than the Grace of God. Without it we are not saved. Without it we cannot live. Without it we are really among all men most miserable.

Verse 2 - "A great trial of affliction" - These people were more than poor. They had nothing yet they were willing to give to help get the Gospel of God out to others. They were so thankful for having received the Grace of God that they wanted, at any price, to share it with others.

Verse 3 - "And beyond their power" - If we are going to be faithful, then we need to use the power of God and let Him empower us to go beyond that which we think as possible, because all things are possible with God. (Philippians 4:13)

Verse 4 - "but first gave their own selves to the Lord:" This is essential if we are going to be effective for God. We must first yield our hearts TOTALLY to Him so that He and He alone can work through us to show the Grace of God.

Verse 5 - "Now therefore perform the doing of it;" It is not just enough to know that it is right, we must do what is right. The Bible tells us, "Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin." (James 4:17) Therefore we need to perform the doing of it as God has instructed us.

When we look at stewardship, it is giving, giving of one's time, talents, love, tithe, offerings and everything that God expects of us. The question you must ask yourself is this, "Am I willing to do what others have done for me so that someone can hear the Good News of God's Word?"

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Be Faithful

Pastor Mike Sanders

1 Corinthians 4:2 KJV

“Moreover it is required in stewards,
that a man be found faithful.”

Six months after the owner of a small crossroads store was appointed Postmaster, not one piece of mail had left the village. When deeply concerned postal officials from Washington D. C. investigated, and asked why? The local Postmaster explained, “It’s simple; the bag ain’t full yet!”

Today our bags don’t have to be full for us to share some of our blessings with others. We don’t have to be in perfect health to serve others through our church. We don’t need to be literary geniuses to write an encouraging note to a lonely person. We don’t have to be a professional musician to lift our voices in song to our Lord. We don’t have to be a talented orator to share the love of Jesus with a child. We don’t have to be a movie star to brighten the lives of others by giving a loving smile. We don’t have to be a VIP in the eyes of the world to be a genuine Christian friend. And we don’t have to be wealthy to give a portion of God’s resources to expand His love & grace through the ministry of our Church family.

Don’t wait for your bag to be full before you give!

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