

Giving

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I. Introduction.

A. Principles of giving.

II. Christ's motive for giving: love. (John 3:16)

A. The Lord loves us when we are bad or good because He loves us through Jesus.

B. God loved the lost world so much that He gave His only begotten Son.

C. God loves us.

III. Christ's motive for giving: investment. (Matthew 6:19-20, Luke 16:8)

A. The unjust steward was wise because he looked after his future.

B. We are to take money and invest it for eternity.

C. It really is not ours until we give it away.

D. If you are not faithful in what you own, how will God give you your real inheritance?

IV. How to give.

A. Jesus was looking for a security program for a man. (Matthew 19:16-27)

B. The one who gives for the kingdom will receive multiples of what he gave back.

C. We make our mistake when we do not know the Bible. (Matthew 22)

D. We can cast all that we have upon the altar. (Luke 14:33)

E. Whatever you do you do to the glory of God—the Christian life is all or nothing. (Romans 10:9-10)

F. We give all that we have to Him and according to our ability. (2 Corinthians 8:12, Acts 11:29)

V. The multiplying principle: give and it shall be given unto you. (Luke 6:38)

A. Too many are poor spiritually because they have missed the opportunity to give.

B. Give and it will be returned to you spiritually.

C. A life changer is a liberal giver. (2 Thessalonians 2:8)

D. God gives fruit in regard to men. (Proverbs 11:24-25)

VI. Characteristics of money.

- A. It is uncertain, it is deceitful, and it is fleeting. (1 Timothy 6:17-19, Matthew 13:22, Proverbs 23:5)
- B. Where to invest: in tithing, (tithing is not looked at negatively in the New Testament), to those in want, and to our teachers. (Malachi 3, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 8:14, Galatians 6:6)
- C. Some teach that all the money is to be given to the church, but the speaker believes the Spirit holds the individual responsible for giving.
- D. We work with our hands and support the weak, buy and sell, and trade. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Acts 20:34-35, Ephesians 4:28, Matthew 25:9, James 4:13, Luke 19:15)

V. Attitude: we are to give cheerfully and willingly. (2 Corinthians 8:12, 9:6-7)

- A. Too many of us have succumbed to the world system. (Philippians 4:11)
- B. Lust and greed hinders us—if God has not provided, He has not provided.
- C. Perhaps God wants you to do without.
- D. The ability to do all things in Christ is on the heels of being able to do without.

Application questions

1. How does Christ's motive for giving teach us about what ours should be? What can the world teach us about this?

2. How can a person earn an honest wage?

3. Memorize Philippians 4:11 and write it below. What does this verse say about dealing with want?
