

Principles of Christ's Motive for Giving

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I. Introduction.

- A. Principles of Christ's motive for giving: love.
- B. God so loved He gave.
- C. The Lord loves us when we are bad and good because He loves us through Jesus Christ.

II. Principles of Christ's motive for giving: investment.

- A. With money, the Lord presents to us the motive of investment. (Matthew 6:19-20)
- B. The unjust steward was wise because he invested in the long haul. (Luke 16:8)
 - 1. What we own is not really ours until we give it away.
 - 2. Our possessions are temporal and really belong to the Creator.
 - 3. If we have not been faithful in what we do not own, will we really be able to claim our real inheritance? (Matthew 19:16, Matthew 19:27)
 - 4. Christ gave to invest, and He is trying to get us to understand this.

III. How to give. (Luke 21:1-3)

- A. We make our mistake because we do not know the Bible. (Matthew 22)
- B. We are called to forsake all that we have on the altar of God. Jesus is Lord and the new birth is a transformation. (Luke 14:33, Romans 10:9-10, 2 Corinthians 8:12)
- C. Give according to what you have. (Acts 11:29)

IV. The multiplying principle.

- A. Give and it shall be given unto you. (Luke 6:38)
- B. A man-builder is liberal with his goods. (1 Thessalonians 2:8)
- C. The reason that you do reach people if you do reach people is because you give of yourself. (Proverbs 11:24-25)

V. Characteristics of money: uncertain, deceitful, it flies away. (1 Timothy 6:18-19, Matthew 13:22, Proverbs 23:5)

VI. Where to invest: in the storehouse, to teachers, perhaps to the church house (tithing in the New Testament is spiritual and not definite). We are accountable and responsible. (Malachi 3:10, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 8:14, Galatians 6:6)

VII. Where you get the money: work with your hands, sell, trade. (1 Thessalonians 4:11-12, Acts 20:34-35, Ephesians 4:24, Matthew 25:9, James 4:13, Luke 19:15-20).

VIII. Attitude: willingly, cheerfully, as God purposes in your heart. (2 Corinthians 8:12, 2 Corinthians 9:6-7, Philippians 4:19)

A. The ability to do all things in Christ was on the heels of being able to be abased or abound.

B. Spend on what you need, not on what you want.

Application questions

1. What do you think the relationship between Christ's two motives for giving as defined by the speaker?

2. What does Luke 14:33 teach us about how to give?

3. What areas have you neglected to give fully in? What will you do this week to invest more fully in the lives of others?
