

Message Notes

Living and Giving Abundantly Stewardship Part 2

Mark 12:41-44; 2 Corinthians 8 & 9

What does the Bible say about _____?

The essence of Christianity itself if you think about it is all about giving. _____ is a giver.

_____ in giving is much more important than amount. If your attitude's not right, don't even worry about it.

Three reasons we are to give.

"Just as you excel in everything else, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness, and in your love for us, see that you also excel in this grace of giving." 2 Corinthians 8:7

1. Giving allows us to express _____ for past blessings.

"Each man is to give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion. For God loves a cheerful giver... This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but it's also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God." 2 Corinthians 9:7

We give because God _____ gave to us.

"For I'm not commanding you. But I want to test the sincerity of your love. For through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, though he was rich, yet for our sakes, He became poor so that you, through His poverty, might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:8-9

God says our giving proves our _____ to Him.

2. Giving allows me to _____ my motivation in the present.

Second reason we give is to _____ selfishness.

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

God doesn't want your money. He wants what it _____. He wants you. He wants your life. He wants you to commit yourself to Him.

"They did not do as we expected but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will." 2 Corinthians 8:5

We don't give because God needs it but because _____ need it, we need to give. Because of what it does to us, it keeps us from being selfish.

"And if you are not faithful with money, God will not entrust to you true riches." Luke 16:11

Stewardship and _____ are absolutely linked together.