

## Living and Giving Abundantly

### Stewardship Part 4

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

It's a fact of life that the essence of \_\_\_\_\_ is all about giving. The Bible says that \_\_\_\_\_ is a giver.

#### **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*

*“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*

#### **2. Giving allows me to \_\_\_\_\_ my motivation in the present.**

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

#### **3. Giving allows us to enlarge our expectations of the \_\_\_\_\_.**

*“Remember this; whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly. And whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6*

Giving is the number one way we \_\_\_\_\_ faith in the Christian life.

*“When you give to the poor it’s like lending to the Lord and He repays wonderful interest on your loan.” Proverbs 19:17 LB*

You cannot out give God. He is a much bigger \_\_\_\_\_ than you are.

*“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have enough room for it.” Malachi 3:10*

God says, “I \_\_\_\_\_ you. I dare you to try and see if you can out give Me.”

Your giving determines what God can do in your life. That is a fundamental principle of stewardship. God says we reap what we sow. Our \_\_\_\_\_ determines what He does in our life.

Abundant living begins with abundant \_\_\_\_\_.

*“Give and it will be given to you.” Luke 6:38*