

Stewarding Money - Giving

Recap of week 1:

- Everything belongs to God.
- Everything we have is a gift from God, including our wealth.
- Wealth is a God-given resource to be used to grow God's Kingdom.

Recap of week 2:

- A poor person is someone who spends every dollar that they make.
- Fight consumerism with simplicity.
- Debt is not prohibited; but strongly warned against.
- Savings are a heart check.

Remaining classes

- **Today:** Giving beyond your means - Tithing and Kingdom Giving (Jess)
 - **May 14:** Multiplying your means - Work and Investing (Scott)
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God's desire for you is for you to become more generous.

YOUR CHALLENGE TODAY: Ask God to show you one way He is asking you to give more.

Foundational Principle: God will take care of you!

"And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus." - Philippians 4:19

You can't outgive God! We can give confidently knowing that God will provide what we need.

Foundational Principle: Giving is good for you!

"In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'" - Acts 20:35

Planned Giving / Tithing

Quick overview of tithing

- Established for the nation of Israel.

- First ten percent of everything they were given, frequently agricultural.
- Provided for the priestly class.

Tithing in the New Testament

10% is a good principle, not a law. Think of it as a lower bound.

“And he called his disciples to him and said to them, “Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” - Mark 12:43-44

“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, *as he may prosper*, so that there will be no collecting when I come.” - 1 Corinthians 16:2

Tithing is basically **planned giving for Kingdom purposes** “as we prosper.”

- Planned giving / tithing should support Kingdom purposes, be it the local church or missions.
- However, ensure the local church should be supported - this is your family!

Unplanned Giving

“*As for the rich in this present age*, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to *be generous and ready to share*, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.” - 1 Tim. 6:17-19

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.” - Heb. 13:16

“But if anyone has the world’s goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God’s love abide in him?” - 1 John 3:17

When a need comes to your attention, whether by being asked or by becoming aware of the need:

1. Our default answer should be YES.
2. Pray and ask your Father if the answer should NOT be yes.
3. If you don’t hear differently, give!
4. If you do feel God’s calling you to say no for some reason, you should feel peace about it.

Planning for Unplanned Giving:

- \$5/\$20/\$50
- Monthly “gifts for others” budget

Common Objections

1. I don’t have enough money to give any away!
2. I don’t want to give to this person/organization because they will just waste the money!

As always, *talk to your Father about how you give.*