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FINANCES

WHY WE TALK ABOUT GIVING

Jesus spoke about money

God owns everything

Psalm 24:1-2 (NLT) - *The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.*

Acts 4:32-35 (NIV) - *All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions were their own, but they shared everything they had...*

THE HEART BEHIND GIVING

Philippians 4:17 & 19 (NLT) - *¹⁷I don't say this because I want a gift from you. Rather, I want you to receive a reward for your kindness. . . .¹⁹And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus.*

Hebrews 11:6a (NIV) - *And without faith it is impossible to please God...*

THE PROBLEM

We all have an insatiable appetite. That is actually God given, but we have taken that appetite and looked at worldly things to satisfy rather than God. This leads to greed, envy, selfishness, pride and a lack of contentment...

1 Timothy 6:6-10 (NLT)

THE SOLUTION

Luke 3:1; 7-14 (NLT)

Matthew 6:19-21 (NLT) - *"Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.*

"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

WHERE DO I START?

Tithe - **Acts 4

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NLT) - Now I want you to know, dear brothers and sisters, what God in his kindness has done through the churches in Macedonia. They are being tested by many troubles, and they are very poor. But they are also filled with abundant joy, which has overflowed in rich generosity. For I can testify that they gave not only what they could afford, but far more. And they did it of their own free will. They begged us again and again for the privilege of sharing in the gift for the believers in Jerusalem. They did even more than we had hoped, for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.

THE RESULTS

- 1) You will be blessed
- 2) The kingdom will advance

Malachi 3:10-12 (NLT) - Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!¹¹Your crops will be abundant, for I will guard them from insects and disease. Your grapes will not fall from the vine before they are ripe," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.¹²"Then all nations will call you blessed, for your land will be such a delight," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies.

GOD FIRST GAVE TO US

John 3:16 (NIV) - For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son . . .

-Love always gives.

Verses to read this week:

Psalm 49:16-17 (NLT)
Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)
Proverbs 11:24-25 (NIV)
Proverbs 21:13 (NLT)
Proverbs 22:9 (NIV)
Proverbs 23:5 (NLT)
2 Corinthians 8:1-8
2 Corinthians 9:6-11



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