

TODAY'S MESSAGE:

GIVING TO HIS GLORY: Why we give to God

1 Timothy 6:17

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A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed. (Proverbs 11:25)



PERSPECTIVE ...

1. W___ are so Wealthy!

1 Tim 6:17 *Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.*

2. It's not about M_____ anyway

Ecclesiastes 5:10-11 *Whoever loves money never has money enough; whoever loves wealth is never satisfied with his income. This too is meaningless. As goods increase, so do those who consume them. And what benefit are they to the owner except to feast his eyes on them?*

Ecclesiastes 5:16-17 *This too is a grievous evil: As a man comes, so he departs, and what does he gain, since he toils for the wind? All his days he eats in darkness, with great frustration, affliction and anger.*

3. It's about a R_____ with God

Luke 16:13 *No servant can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.*

Matthew 6:19-20 *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth & rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in & steal.*

4. I need G_____ IN my finances

PRINCIPLES ...

1. God owns E_____ and I am His manager

Psalm 50:10-12 *for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know every bird in the mountains, and the creatures of the field are mine. If I were hungry I would not tell you, for the world is mine, and all that is in it.*

2. It's not about what God wants F_____ me ... but what He wants F_____ me

Prov. 23:4-5 *Do not wear yourself out to get rich; have the wisdom to show restraint. Cast but a glance at riches, and they are gone, for they will surely sprout wings and fly off to the sky like an eagle.*

3. Where my T_____ is, there is my heart.

Matthew 6:21 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

4. The Church operates through tithes & O_____.

Philippians 1:6 *being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus.*

5. I give as a R_____ to God's goodness

2 Corinthians 9:7 *Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

6. I cannot out-give G_____.

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

PRACTICE ...

1. P_____ – Putting God First

2. P_____ – Regular, Intentional, Sacrificial

For Reflection / Action: Am I uncomfortable letting God into my finances? How well am I managing the WEALTH (yes, YOU are wealthy!) God has given me? Am I wearing myself out trying to get rich? What am I hoarding my money for anyway – what good will it do me on earth? How much is enough? Is money more important to me than my relationship with God? Am I accountable and stable with my finances, or am I just surviving? How can I move to using my money for significant Kingdom purposes? What percentage of my earnings will I dedicate to the Lord? Will I give in a regular, intentional and sacrificial way?