

RED LETTER CHALLENGE ... GIVING (Luke 9:10-17)

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Today we begin one of the most challenging weeks – Giving. There are more Red Letters about giving than almost any other subject. Why is that? Because Jesus loves to give! He gave His life for the life of the world. Jesus wants us to reflect Him in how generous we are with others. Don't think your giving makes a difference? Bring what you have to the Lord. With just a little – five loaves and two fish – Jesus can do a lot?

Jesus followers are _____.

"I'm convinced it's impossible to be a stingy Christian" – Red Letter Challenge, p. 33

KEY: You are _____.

your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. – Proverbs 3:10

Money is the _____ in our lives.

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Matthew 6:19-21

Generosity is about _____, not amount.

Luke 21:1-4

THE CHALLENGE: You cannot truly go _____ if you cannot _____ God with your money.

"No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money." – Matthew 6:24

- God can turn your _____ into your _____!
- Your money goes places _____.

We give as a _____ to God.

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 there will not be room enough to store it. – Malachi 3:10

"For God so loved the world that he gave His one and only Son, that whoever would believe in Him would not perish but have eternal life." – John 3:16



Questions for individual or group reflection:

Are you a good "gift giver?"

What's the most awkward gift-giving experience you've had?

React to Jesus' statement: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Do you think you can be stingy and be a Christian?

Asked another way, how does your stinginess reflect on your Lord?

Do you agree that you are rich? Why or Why not?

Read Matthew 6:19-21. How does Jesus relate our attitude toward money and the disposition of our heart?

In Luke 21, why did Jesus consider such a small offering as generous?

Why can't you serve both God and money? (Matthew 6:24)

How might God be calling you to loosen your grip on money?

If you have not been generous in the past, how can this become a great witness for you in the future?

How does your money go places that you can't?

Has God commanded that you give? How much?

If Christ has been so generous to us, why would we not give?

Pray: Heavenly Father, thank you that you were so generous to us in the giving of your Son for our salvation. Jesus, thank you for giving your life for us, and giving us all good things! Help me to understand that I am rich, and that you have called me to be generous with what you have given me. Lord, cause me to release my grip on money, and in so doing free my heart to love and serve you more. May I see my sacrifice not as a loss, but as an opportunity for you to work through me, and therefore to be a powerful witness for you in the world! Jesus, I know my giving is not intended to repay you for what you have freely given to me but help me to give out of a response to your generous love of me. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Do: Pray about how God is calling you to be generous, then shower some blessings where God has placed you.

Memory Verse: "Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." – Deuteronomy 16:17

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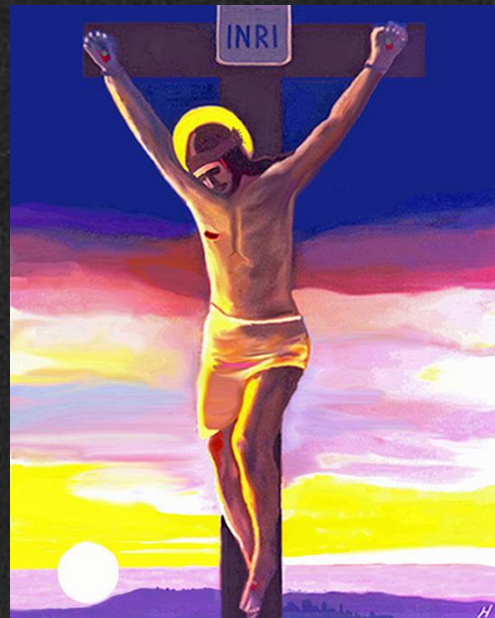
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*“Heal the sick, raise the dead,
cleanse those who have
leprosy, drive out demons.
Freely you have received;
freely give.”*

– Matthew 10:8





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“You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you.”

– Luke 12:20



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People go through three conversions:
The conversion of their head, their
heart, and their pocketbook.
Unfortunately, not all at the same time.

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