

## Well Done Good and Faithful Church - Giving in Generosity

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1 Tim. 6: 17-19

A theology of giving was given during our Joyful Generosity series. It shows: we give because of God's Ownership, God's Grace, God's Provision, God's Church, God's Reward, God's Glory, and God's Kingdom.

Ten Reasons (and One Bonus Reason) Why Giving is Preached without Apology: **1)** God's Generous Provision, 1 Cor. 9:8. **2)** Vitality of Worship. **3)** Bible's Boldness. **4)** No Fear of Man. **5)** Commandment of Giving, it is never suggested. **6)** Preaching of God's Word -He provides through giving to those preaching, 1 Tim. 5:17-18, & 1 Cor. 9:11. **7)** Missionaries of God, 3 Jn. 6-8, sent on their journey in a manner worthy of God. **8)** Priority of Sanctification. **9)** Glorifying God vs. People. **10)** God Owns Everything, Psalm 24:1. **11)** The Constant Reminder of Giving, 1 Tim. 6:17, the word "charge" or "command" is a verb that conveys constant doing.

From V17: "Those who are rich in this present age." Who are the rich? Any person having income exceeding what is needed to obtain necessities. "Give us our daily bread," is the example from Jesus for us to pray for each day.

### 5 Eternal Investment Strategies to Investing in what is Truly Forever:

- **Humility:** V17, "not to be haughty," "charge them," same as verb in V13. This is a charge to be done over and over. It is self-deception to think highly about ourselves. God gives us all things and has enriched us in every way to be generous in every way, 2 Cor. 9:11.
- **Hope:** V17, "not to hope in uncertain riches," not to look at money with certainty and confidence. Prov.23:4-5, do not toil to acquire wealth. This is deep heartfelt hope in God as your source. Eccl. 5:18-19, it is okay to enjoy the things you have. Being consumed with wealth and riches is not the heart of a believer, his heart is trusting in God.
- **Heritage** V18, "to do good." This word "good" is used in one other place. In Acts 14:17, God gave witness (proof) of His goodness by giving rain from heaven and fruitful seasons to unbelievers. Giving gives us a heritage of pointing to the Gospel.  
An equation: (person of means + stingy giving = Gospel is not important to me).  
We teach our kids to value the preached Word of God, discipleship, mission of the church, and to see the lost saved.
- **Habit** V18, "be rich in good works," this word "good" means something beautiful, praiseworthy. Paul is telling the rich hearing this letter, to collect good works like collecting money. It is repetition and doing it over and over. 2 Cor. 9:8, God gives us grace that we can abound in every good thing having all sufficiency in all things to have an abundance for every good work.
- **Heart** V18, "to be generous and ready to share," this is sharing freely without conditions. 2 Cor. 8:1-5, reveals the heart of those in Macedonia to give above and beyond their means. Matt. 6:19, lay up treasures in heaven.
  - V19, take hold of eternal life by storing up a good foundation for the time to come.
- **What is the Return?** Using worldly things in this present life to store up things in heaven. It is cashing in the currency of the earth for things in heaven. Luke 16:1-13, gives us motivation to use our money for the Gospel: to make friends in heaven (V9).

## Further Discussion and Application

Psalm 24 clearly states that the Lord owns everything. How should we view our giving for the preaching of the Gospel? How should we prioritize our giving and spending to support the ministry of proclaiming the Gospel?

Preaching on giving creates a renewed eternal perspective in God's people and a rejuvenated determination to be heavenly minded and not earthly minded. How does preaching on giving refocus our giving and spending habits? What does our giving and spending reveal about us?

God receives glory when we give to the work of the church and those who receive the Gospel give thanks to God for what God gave them. How do we see the opportunity to partner with God in our giving? How do we connect what we have been given (job, salary, talents, possessions) to the opportunity to give to God and the work of spreading the Gospel?

2 Cor. 9:6-11 gives us the heart we should have when we give and the promise that God gives to those that give. What heart attitudes does God want us to demonstrate from this passage?

There are many promises in Scripture of crowns: 1 Cor. 9:25 (victory), 1 Thess. 2:19 (rejoicing), 2 Tim. 4:8 (righteousness), James 1:12 (life), Rev. 2:10 (life), and 1 Pet. 5:4 (glory). There is a place being prepared in heaven for believers, Jn. 14:3. There are examples of rewarding faithfulness, Matt. 25:14-30, Luke 19:11-27. We will also behold the glory of Christ that the Father has given Him, Jn. 17:24. What is our motivation in life to give and serve the Lord? What is the purpose of our money and what are our goals with the money God has given us?

Read Luke 16:1-13, how should we view our giving and the eternal, positive results of giving faithfully when we have opportunity to proclaim the Gospel and support every good work that comes our way for God and His Kingdom?