

“Give Me”

2 Corinthians 9:6-15
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I. MONEY SAYS “WORSHIP ME” OR “GIVE ME”

A. A HEALTHY OVERFLOW of Giving

Luke 6:38 “Give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

B. GENEROSITY is The Antidote For Greed

2 Corinthians 9:6 “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”

II. A GENEROUS HEART WORSHIPS GOD

A. Give God Our THANKS

1 Thessalonians 5:18 “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”

2 Corinthians 9:8 “And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.”

B. Give God Our TRUST

2 Corinthians 9:11 “You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way,”

Malachi 3:10 “Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.”

III. GIVING THE FIRST AND BEST

Proverbs 3:9 “Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all you produce.”

A. Have A Good PLAN

2 Corinthians 9:5 NIV “So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given.”

B. Give CHEERFULLY Not Legalistically

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.”

C. Trust Takes TIME, So Start Now

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THE NEXT FAITHFUL STEP

1. Where is your CONTENTMENT meter? Discuss with family and friends this week the level of trust you have towards God with your money on a scale of 1 to 10.

2. Am I worshiping my money or giving it? When you give you are helping break the bonds of greed and materialism that say, “worship me”. Then you experience the joy of giving. Give with confidence, knowing how God gives so generously to us. Prayerfully ask God to guide your giving. If you need help, two sources for financial wisdom are Dave Ramsey’s “Financial Peace” at ramseysolutions.com, and Crown Financial Ministries – www.crown.org.