

SERMON NOTES

Money Matters: A Matter of the Heart

1. God's View of Money

A. God owns everything, even all your _____. [Ps. 24:1; Duet. 10:14; 1Chr. 29:11; Job 41:11]

We don't own _____.

We brought _____ into this world and can carry _____ out. [1 Tim. 6:7]

B. God's people are _____/managers, not _____. [Mat. 25:21]

We need to move from an _____ mindset to a _____ mindset.

Consider our finances, our jobs, our influence, our resources all as God's, on loan to us.

Good stewards serve the interests of the _____.

C. God's people are to be _____. [Acts 2:42-45]

Generosity was a defining _____ of the early church.

Generosity is a characteristic of God and should be evident in God's People! [Jn. 3:16]

2. The Starting Point of Biblical Giving

- The word tithe means a _____.
- The starting point is the _____.

Tithing to the Lord is the only instance in all of Scripture where the Lord challenges us to _____ [Mal. 3:10]

If you have been faithful to give back to God then you know the truth about tithing is that you can't afford not to!!!

If we don't faithfully give to the Lord, we don't really trust the Lord. Of course, our tithes and offerings aren't "payment" for His blessings; rather, they're evidence of our faith and obedience. - **Wiersbe**

3. Some of Our Roadblocks About Giving

- The _____ talks too much about money.
- The church doesn't need my _____. [Pro. 11:25; Acts 20:35]
- The _____ just wants your money.
- I will give _____ I have more money. [Lk. 16:10]
- Tithing is not in the _____ Testament. [Mt. 23:23; Heb. 7:8]

the THEOLOGY of GENEROSITY

CLARIFYING WHAT THE BIBLE TEACHES US CONCERNING WEALTH, TITHING, STEWARDSHIP, AND SACRIFICE

Matthew 25:14-21

14 For the kingdom of heaven is as a man travelling into a far country, who called his own servants, and delivered unto them his goods. 15 And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one; to every man according to his several ability; and straightway took his journey. 16 Then he that had received the five talents went and traded with the same, and made them other five talents. 17 And likewise he that had received two, he also gained other two. 18 But he that had received one went and digged in the earth, and hid his lord's money. 19 After a long time the lord of those servants cometh, and reckoneth with them. 20 And so he that had received five talents came and brought other five talents, saying, Lord, thou deliveredst unto me five talents: behold, I have gained beside them five talents more. 21 His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord.