



LAUNCHING YOUR FAITH
FAITH ALIVE IN THE 21ST CENTURY

LESSON 10
THE HEART OF BIBLICAL GIVING

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Giving is an act of
WORSHIP



I. GOD OWNS EVERYTHING



Webster: Surrender, to give up possession of, claim to, or power over

GOD OWNS *EVERYTHING*

That leaves nothing
left over.

We own nothing.

Exodus 19:5b For all the earth is Mine

Psalms 50:10-11 For every beast of the forest is Mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the mountains, and the wild beasts of the field are Mine.

Haggai 2:8 "The silver is Mine, and the gold is Mine", says the LORD of hosts.

Ezekiel 18:4a Behold, all souls are Mine.

Romans 14:8 *For if we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. Therefore, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's.*

II. STEWARDSHIP

Steward:

manager; treasurer; custodian; a person who receives, cares for, and disburses that which belongs to another

Luke 12:42 *Who then is that faithful and wise steward, whom his master will make ruler over his household . . .*

Luke 12:48b *To whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.*

James A. Lollis:
"Christian stewardship is more
than the management of things;
it is the refusal to let things
manage us."

1 Timothy 6:20a
*Guard what was committed to
your trust.*

Luke 16:10-12

He who is faithful in what is least is faithful also in much; and he who is unjust in what is least is unjust also in much. Therefore, if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in what is another man's, who will give you what is your own?

Romans 14:12

*Each of us shall give account
of himself to God.*

Corinthians 4:2

*It is required in stewards that one
be found faithful.*

III. THE HEART OF BIBLICAL GIVING

*I only give back to Him what
already belongs to Him.*

1. IT BEGINS WITH LOVING.

Giving is a free, willing,
loving act from the heart of
a loving disciple.

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2 Corinthians 8:1-6

Luke 7:47

Her sins, which are many, are forgiven, for she loved much. But to whom little is forgiven, the same loves little.

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*Love asks,
"How much can I give?"*

Oswald Chambers

It never cost a disciple anything to follow Jesus; to talk about cost when you are in love with anyone is an insult.

2. GIVING TO GOD MEANS
GIVING OUR *BEST* TO HIM
FIRST

Ex 22:29-30a You shall not delay to offer the first of your ripe produce and your juices. The firstborn of your sons you shall give to Me. Likewise you shall do with your oxen and your sheep.

Deuteronomy 17:1 You shall not sacrifice to the LORD . . . a bull or sheep which has any blemish or defect, for that is an abomination to the LORD.

1 Chronicles 21:22a,24b

“Grant me the place of this threshing floor, that I may build an altar on it to the LORD. You shall grant it to me at the full price. . . . for I will not take what is yours for the LORD, nor offer burnt offerings with that which costs me nothing.”

Exodus 35:21-22,29a Then everyone came whose heart was stirred . . . they brought the LORD'S offering... men and women, as many as had a willing heart, ...The children of Israel brought a freewill offering to the LORD...

Exodus 36:3b,6-7

And the people were restrained from bringing, for the material they had was sufficient for all the work to be done—indeed too much.

Luke 12:15-21

beware of covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses." And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years; take your ease; eat, drink, and be merry."

Luke 12:15-21

But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul will be required of you; then whose will those things be which you have provided?' So is he who lays up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

Proverbs 11:24 (NLT)

It is possible to give freely
and become more wealthy,
but those who are stingy will
lose everything.

3. GIVING IS FOR EVERYONE

Missionary Pastor Pamela Truscott:

“Those who say they can’t give because they are too poor are poor because they don’t give.”

“Missionaries who don’t teach proper giving leave the people under a curse of poverty!”

People have gotten out of debt by beginning to regularly and consistently give to God. It's a priority of *heart* over amount...

Mark 12:41-44

Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites . . . So he called His disciples to Himself and said to them,

Mark 12:41-44

...this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood."

2 Corinthians 8:12

*If there is first a willing mind,
it is accepted according to
what one has, and
not according to
what he does not have.*

FB Meyer

"Our religion will cost us something, or we may fairly question its validity and worth. What one will not suffer for, one does not value."

Philippians 4:19

*My God shall supply all your need
according to His riches in glory
by Christ Jesus.*

4. GIVING COMES FROM
RIGHT HEART ATTITUDES

(1) CHEERFULLY

2 Cor 9:7 So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver.

Cheerful: Hilaros
HILARIOUS, Prompt, WILLING

(2) WORSHIPFULLY

Deut 26:8,10

" . . . *I have brought the firstfruits of the land* which you, O LORD, have given me." Then you shall set it before the LORD your God, and worship before the LORD your God

(3) GENEROUSLY

2 Cor 9:6

*He who sows sparingly will also
reap sparingly, and he who sows
bountifully will also reap
bountifully.*

(4) REGULARLY and
WILLINGLY

1 Cor 16:2a

*On the first day of the week let
each one of you lay something
aside, storing up
as he may prosper.*

(5) GIVING DEFEATS A
SPIRIT OF *GREED*

Martin Luther

*"there are three conversions
necessary: the conversion of the
heart, the mind, and the purse."*

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Luke 6:24 Woe to you who are rich

Luke 16:13 You cannot serve both God and money

Luke 12:33 Sell your possessions and give to the poor

Richard Foster

“The very act of letting go of money or some other treasure destroys the demon greed.”

(6) SINCERELY, GRATEFULLY,
and PRIVATELY

Matt 6:1,4 *Take heed that you do not do your charitable deeds before men, to be seen by them. Otherwise you have no reward from your Father in heaven . . . your Father who sees in secret will Himself reward you openly.*

(6) SINCERELY, GRATEFULLY,
and PRIVATELY

Phil 4:11b-12,19 *I have learned
in whatever state I am, to be
content: I know how to be
abased, and I know how to
abound. . . . my God shall supply
all your need according to His
riches in glory by Christ Jesus.*

THREE LEVELS OF GIVING

- 1) You *HAVE* to (LAW)
- 2) You *OUGHT TO* (Obligation)
- 3) You *WANT* to (GRACE)

Luke 12:34

*For where your
treasure is, there your
heart will be also.*



Give freely because you LOVE HIM and WANT to please Him, because HE is your Treasure.

THAT'S THE HEART OF BIBLICAL GIVING