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WM - BEN WRIGHT - "PRINCIPLES OF PROPER STEWARDSHIP"

WM - VANCE HUTTON

OUR GOSPEL MEETING STARTS TODAY. WE WILL HAVE EVENING SERVICES AT 7:15 FOLLOWING THE FIRST SUNDAY SINGING AT 2 PM

TODAY IS STEWARDSHIP DAY

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED TO BOBBY MYERS DUE TO THE DEATH OF SANDRA. SERVICES WERE TUESDAY

READING FOR THE WEEK: SUN- JOHN 1-3; MON-4-5; TUES- 6-7; WED- 8-9; THUR- 10-11; FRI- 12-13; SAT-14-16; SUN- JOHN 17-18

BIRTHDAYS:

Nov 7: Sandra Hunt & Chris Robbins

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TIMES OF SERVICES

SUNDAY MORNING

BIBLE CLASS 9:30

WORSHIP 10:20

SUNDAY EVENING 5:00

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY 7:00

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PRINCIPLES OF PROPER STEWARDSHIP

(1 Timothy 6:6-10)

Our _____ with God is affected by our view of money.

- A. We need to realize that we don't truly _____ anything and that God owns everything.
- B. We need to realize that true and lasting riches don't come from this _____ (Matthew 6:19-21; 2 Corinthians 8:9).
- C. We need to realize that our having or not having wealth does not _____ that we are acceptable to God.
- D. We should realize it is possible to be rich and _____ with God, but it takes a great attitude.
- E. We need to realize that it is an _____ wanting or desire for money that is sinful, not having money (1 Timothy 6:9).

I. _____ God has given for money.

- A. God's word is not _____ about why we need money.
- B. We need it to help the _____, which is probably the most _____ reason for money in scripture.
- C. We _____ our love for God by giving to the poor (2 Corinthians 8:8; 1 John 3:17).
- D. We help further the work of the _____ (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).
- E. We have money for the _____ of life.
 - 1. _____ wants us to have those things (Matthew 6:33).
 - 2. He wants us to be _____ with the things we have (1 Timothy 6:8).
 - 3. We get into trouble when we place our _____ of this world over proper stewardship of the financial blessings God has given us.
- F. We need money to take care of our _____ (1 Timothy 5:8).

II. Realize there are _____ associated with wealth.

- A. With great blessing comes great _____.
- B. Often, riches hinder _____ (Mark 10:23-25).
- C. Riches are _____ (Matthew 13:22).
- D. Wealth can lead to many _____ (James 5:1-6).
- E. Wealth can lead to _____ (Luke 12:13-21).
- F. Wealth does not endure just as we don't (James 1:9-11).
- G. Wealth tempts us to hold _____ from God (Mark 12:41-44).
- H. Wealth can lead to _____ in something other than God (1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19).

THE PATTERN FOR GIVING

Kevin W. Rhodes

A lesson on giving generally draws the ire of most people, who cite it as the favorite topic of many preachers and a not so subtle attempt to suggest a raise. Of course, the way most people approach giving, who could blame them? During the eighties, televangelists called on their viewers to give sacrificially "for the Lord" while these so-called preachers used the money to build multimillion dollar homes for themselves. Many denominations teach tithing, a practice found only in the Old Testament and never in the New Testament church, in order to insure a healthy budget. Some churches act far more seriously in regard to extracting a particular percentage from their people than they do with how the people actually live. Then there are the preachers who get up and talk about the impending budget crisis and cite a few dollar figures from the best contributors in order to try to make the rest of the congregation give more out of guilt.

In the New Testament, all giving was a freewill offering. The collection was taken on the first day of the week as part of worship (1 Corinthians 16:1), and each person was to determine for himself what he could give, setting aside that amount specifically for the Lord's purposes (1 Corinthians 16:2). What mattered to the Lord was not the dollar figure itself but the heart of the giver (Mark 12:41-44). Of course, there are those who miss the point and take glee in pinching pennies for the Lord instead of responding with liberality in view of the Lord's own generosity (2 Corinthians 9:1-2).

Giving is one form of modern-day sacrifice (Hebrews 13:15-16). But the sacrifice is measured not by the amount or percentage but by whether a person has personally given "his all" (2 Corinthians 8:5). "Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver" (2 Corinthians 9:7).

WHY WE SHOULD GIVE GENEROUSLY

George Pledger

1. We should give generously because we are to give as God gives to us, as he prospers us (1 Cor. 16:2). Not only does God lavish material blessings on us but think of the rich spiritual ones He has given, the greatest which was the gift of His Son. "Thanks be to God for his unspeakable gift" (2 Cor. 9:15).

2. We should give generously because we are to be like His Son (1 Pet. 2:21) and that is the way He has given to us. "For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for our sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:9).

3. We should give generously because of our deep gratitude for all the things God has done for us and gives to us. "What shall I render unto Jehovah for all his benefits toward me?" (Ps. 116:12).

4. We should give generously because of our respect for God and His cause. We wouldn't give leftovers for that which was no good to someone on earth we respected. The prophet reproved the people for giving tithes to God they wouldn't give to the governor (Malachi 1:8).

5. We should give generously because we know we can't out give God. We do not give just to receive, but we know that if we give we will receive for the law of sowing and reaping is, "He that soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully" (2 Cor. 9:6).