

Oasis Sunday School Class

SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE

11-27-22 STEWARDSHIP OF GIVING

1 TIMOTHY 4:7 DISCIPLINE YOURSELF FOR THE PURPOSE OF GODLINESS

WORK OUT YOUR OWN SALVATION WITH FEAR AND TREMBLING; FOR IT IS GOD WHO IS AT WORK IN YOU BOTH TO WILL AND TO DO FOR HIS GOOD PLEASURE.

PHIL. 2:12-13

1 TIM. 5:8 BUT IF ANYONE DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR HIS OWN, AND ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE OF HIS HOUSEHOLD, HE HAS DENIED THE FAITH AND IS WORSE THAN AN UNBELIEVER.

10 BIBLICAL PRINCIPLES OF GIVING

1. GOD OWNS _____

1 COR. 10:26 THE EARTH IS THE LORD'S, AND THE FULLNESS THEREOF.

EXODUS 19:5 ALL THE EARTH IS MINE

JOB. 41:11 WHATEVER IS UNDER THE WHOLE HEAVEN IS MINE.

- B.L. FOR US: WE ARE _____ OF WHAT GOD HAS ENTRUSTED TO US

HAGGAI 2:8 " SILVER IS MINE, AND THE GOLD IS MINE", DECLARES THE LORD OF HOSTS.

2. GIVING IS AN ACT OF _____

PHIL. 4:18 I HAVE RECEIVED FULL PAYMENT, AND MORE. I AM WELL SUPPLIED, HAVING RECEIVED FROM EPAPHRODITUS THE GIFTS YOU SENT, A FRAGRANT OFFERING, A SACRIFICE ACCEPTABLE AND PLEASING TO GOD.

3. GIVING REFLECTS FAITH IN GOD'S _____

MARK 12:41-44 JESUS SAT DOWN OPPOSITE THE TREASURY AND WATCHED THE PEOPLE PUTTING MONEY INTO THE OFFERING BOX. MANY RICH PEOPLE PUT IN LARGE SUMS. AND A POOR WIDOW CAME AND PUT IN TWO SMALL COPPER COINS, WHICH MAKE A PENNY. AND HE CALLED HIS DISCIPLES TO HIM AND SAID TO THEM, "TRULY, I SAY TO YOU, THIS POOR WIDOW HAS PUT IN MORE THAN ALL THOSE WHO ARE CONTRIBUTING TO

THE OFFERING BOX. FOR THEY ALL CONTRIBUTED OUT OF THEIR ABUNDANCE, BUT SHE OUT OF POVERTY HAS PUT IN EVERYTHING SHE HAD, ALL SHE HAD TO LIVE ON.

4. GIVING SHOULD BE _____ AND _____

2 COR. 8:1-5 WE WANT YOU TO KNOW, BROTHERS, ABOUT THE GRACE OF GOD THAT HAS BEEN GIVEN AMONG THE CHURCHES OF MACEDONIA, FOR IN A SEVERE TEST OF AFFLICTION, THEIR ABUNDANCE OF JOY AND THEIR EXTREME POVERTY HAVE OVERFLOWED IN A WEALTH OF GENEROSITY ON THEIR PART. FOR **THEY GAVE ACCORDING TO THEIR MEANS**, AS I CAN TESTIFY, **AND BEYOND THEIR MEANS**, OF THEIR OWN ACCORD, BEGGING US EARNESTLY FOR THE FAVOR OF TAKING PART IN THE RELIEF OF THE SAINTS-AND THIS, NOT AS WE EXPECTED, BUT THEY GAVE THEMSELVES FIRST TO THE LORD AND THEN BY THE WILL OF GOD TO US.

***GIVING ISN'T SACRIFICIAL UNLESS YOU SACRIFICE TO GIVE**

5. GIVING REFLECTS SPIRITUAL _____

LUKE 16:10-13 ONE WHO IS FAITHFUL IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO FAITHFUL IN MUCH, AND ONE WHO IS DISHONEST IN A VERY LITTLE IS ALSO DISHONEST IN MUCH. IF THEN YOU HAVE NOT BEEN FAITHFUL IN THE UNRIGHTEOUS WEALTH, WHO WILL ENTRUST TO YOU THE TRUE RICHES? AND IF YOU HAVE NOT BEEN FAITHFUL IN THAT WHICH IS ANOTHER'S, WHO WILL GIVE YOU THAT WHICH IS YOUR OWN? NO SERVANT CAN SERVE TWO MASTERS, FOR EITHER HE WILL HATE THE ONE AND LOVE THE OTHER, OR HE WILL BE DEVOTED TO THE ONE AND DESPISE THE OTHER. YOU CANNOT SERVE GOD AND MONEY.

6. _____ TO GOD IS WHAT MOTIVATES OUR GIVING TO GOD.

2 COR. 8:7-8 BUT AS YOU EXCEL IN EVERYTHING, IN FAITH, IN SPEECH, IN KNOWLEDGE, IN ALL EARNESTNESS, AND IN OUR LOVE FOR YOU-SEE THAT YOU EXCEL IN THIS GRACE OF GIVING LIKE THE MACEDONIANS. I SAY THIS NOT AS A COMMAND, BUT TO PROVE BY THE EARNESTNESS OF OTHERS **THAT YOUR LOVE ALSO IS GENUINE.**

2 COR. 9:7 EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART

7. WE ARE TO GIVE WILLINGLY, THANKFULLY AND

2 COR. 9:7 EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER.

3 KINDS OF GIVING:

1. _____ GIVING-I HAVE TO GIVE
2. _____ GIVING- I OUGHT TO GIVE
3. _____ GIVING- I WANT TO GIVE

8. GIVING IS AN APPROPRIATE RESPONSE TO REAL _____

ACTS 2:43-45 AND AWE CAME UPON EVERY SOUL, AND MANY WONDERS AND SIGNS WERE BEING DONE THROUGH THE APOSTLES, AND ALL WHO BELIEVED WERE TOGETHER AND HAD ALL THINGS IN COMMON. AND THEY WERE SELLING THEIR POSSESSIONS AND BELONGINGS AND DISTRIBUTING THE PROCEEDS TO ALL, AS ANY HAD NEED.

ACTS 11:27-30 NOW IN THESE DAYS PROPHETS CAME DOWN FROM JERUSALEM TO ANTIOCH. AND ONE OF THEM NAMED AGABUS STOOD UP AND FORETOLD BY THE SPIRIT THAT THERE WOULD BE A GREAT FAMINE OVER ALL THE WORLD (THIS TOOK PLACE IN THE DAYS OF CLAUDIUS). SO THE DISCIPLES DETERMINED, EVERYONE ACCORDING TO HIS ABILITY, TO SEND RELIEF TO THE BROTHERS LIVING IN JUDEA. AND THEY DID SO, SENDING IT TO THE LEADERS BY THE HAND OF BARNABUS AND SAUL.

9. GIVING SHOULD BE _____ AND SYSTEMATIC

1 COR. 16:1-2 NOW CONCERNING THE COLLECTION FOR THE SAINTS: AS I DIRECTED THE CHURCHES OF GALATIA, SO YOU ALSO ARE TO DO. ON THE FIRST DAY OF EVERY WEEK, EACH OF YOU IS TO PUT SOMETHING ASIDE AND STORE IT UP, AS HE MAY PROSPER, SO THAT THERE WILL BE NO COLLECTING WHEN I COME.

1. GIVE ON THE _____ DAY OF EVERY WEEK
2. HE SAID " _____ OF YOU" SHOULD DO THIS
3. EACH SHOULD GIVE AS HE MAY _____

10. GENEROUS GIVING RESULTS IN BOUNTIFUL _____

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.

2 COR. 9:6-8 THE POINT IS THIS: WHOEVER SOWS SPARINGLY WILL ALSO REAP SPARINGLY, AND WHOEVER SOWS BOUNTIFULLY WILL ALSO REAP BOUNTIFULLY. EACH ONE MUST GIVE AS HE HAS DECIDED IN HIS HEART, NOT RELUCTANTLY OR UNDER COMPULSION, FOR GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER. 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.

OUR ENEMIES:

1. THE _____
2. THE _____
3. THE _____

ACTS 20:35 REMEMBER THE WORDS OF THE LORD JESUS, THAT HE HIMSELF SAID, 'IT IS MORE BLESSED TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE.'

QUESTIONS TO CONSIDER:

*ARE YOU WILLING TO ACCEPT GOD'S PRINCIPLES FOR GIVING?

*WILL I RESOLVE TO GIVE IN A WAY THAT DISPLAYS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS THE CENTER OF MY LIFE?