

Understanding Giving

The Bible speaks of our use of money as an investment in our future and as a way to care for the needs of today. However, the Bible asks us to take our understanding one step further. God asks us to keep changing how we see both of those areas until, through them, we live out God's grace.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

I. The first victory in the heart of all who understand the nature of giving is _____ over self-interest. The giving heart is one who looks forward to the opportunity to give even when it truly _____.

1 Chronicles 29:6 Then the rulers of the fathers' households, and the princes of the tribes of Israel, and the commanders of thousands and of hundreds, with the overseers over the king's work, offered willingly; 9 Then the people rejoiced because they had offered so willingly, for they made their offering to the LORD with a whole heart, and King David also rejoiced greatly. 14 "But who am I and who are my people that we should be able to offer as generously as this? For all things come from You, and from Your hand we have given You. 15 "For we are sojourners before You, and tenants, as all our fathers were; our days on the earth are like a shadow, and there is no hope. 16 "O LORD our God, all this abundance that we have provided to build You a house for Your holy name, it is from Your hand, and all is Yours. 17 "Since I know, O my God, that You try the heart and delight in uprightness, I, in the integrity of my heart, have willingly offered all these things; so now with joy I have seen Your people, who are present here, make their offerings willingly to You.

✓ Make it _____ for you to look for opportunities to give to others.

II. The second victory in the heart of all who understand the nature of giving is love over _____. Generous, biblical giving does not come from a sense of _____ or requirement.

Luke 7:47 For this reason I say to you, her sins, which are many, have been forgiven, for she loved much; but he who is forgiven little, loves little."

✓ Make your giving about loving Jesus and loving people and discover that all "requirements" lose their _____.

III. The third victory in the heart of all who understand the nature of giving is ministry over _____. Giving is not about wealth and _____.

1 Peter 4:8 Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Be hospitable to one another without complaint. 10 As each one has received a special gift, employ it in serving one another as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. 11 Whoever speaks, is to do so as one who is speaking the utterances of God; whoever serves is to do so as one who is serving by the strength which God supplies; so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom belongs the glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

✓ Make giving about ministering to _____, not about _____ of money given to strangers.

Remember this - Giving is simply God's people living out the very _____ we have received!

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