

God's Opinion about Giving

Whenever preachers talk about giving, the average church member can wonder about the reason. We ask questions like, "Is giving down?" or "Are we starting a new project?" or "Does the church need money?" Would it surprise us to discover that God has an agenda regarding giving? He uses giving to draw us to Himself!

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

I. The first God-opinion about how giving draws us to Him is the call to voluntary investment shows us that God's intent is _____. Giving is _____ together in the Kingdom of God. God's singular pleasure in cheerful giving comes from His desire to have partners in grace rather than merely obedient _____.

John 4:35 "Do you not say, 'There are yet four months, and then comes the harvest'? Behold, I say to you, lift up your eyes and look on the fields, that they are white for harvest. 36 "Already he who reaps is receiving wages and is gathering fruit for life eternal; so that he who sows and he who reaps may rejoice together. 37 "For in this case the saying is true, 'One sows and another reaps.' 38 "I sent you to reap that for which you have not labored; others have labored and you have entered into their labor."

John 15:15 "No longer do I call you slaves, for the slave does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I have heard from My Father I have made known to you. 16 "You did not choose Me but I chose you, and appointed you that you would go and bear fruit, and that your fruit would remain, so that whatever you ask of the Father in My name He may give to you.

✓ Give because you long to _____ with God's grace-work in the lives of others.

II. The second God-opinion about how giving draws us to Him is God's response proves God's _____. Giving is not just our giving to God. Giving is also about God's _____ faithfulness to us.

Psalm 111:5; Psalm 112:9-10; Isaiah 55:10-11

Malachi 3:8-10 8 "Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing Me! But you say, 'How have we robbed You?' In tithes and offerings. 9 "You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing Me, the whole nation of you! 10 "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.

✓ As you give, _____ and praise God for the many ways He gives back.

III. The third God-opinion about how giving draws us to Him is giving emphasizes God's great _____. We must always pause in living for Jesus to _____ in all that He is doing in us.

Luke 6:38 38 "Give, and it will be given to you. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return."

Genesis 22:10-11 10 Abraham stretched out his hand and took the knife to slay his son. 11 But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." 12 He said, "Do not stretch out your hand against the lad, and do nothing to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from Me."

✓ Let giving be one of the ways that you _____ and call others to _____ God's great worth to you.

Remember this - God has told us that growing a heart that longs to _____ draws us closer to Him.

Our challenge: Become a giver because God is a _____.

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