

## Putting Giving into Practice

Giving is wonderful. Being a giving person doesn't happen by accident. Paul shares with us how to become that person who gives like God does.

Scripture(s): 2 Corinthians 8:16 - 9:5

I. The first practical step of giving like God gives is to begin by loving \_\_\_\_\_. In a world of changing convictions and allegiances, giving must be built on a bedrock of \_\_\_\_\_.

2 Corinthians 8:7-8 7 But just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. 8 I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

✓ Carefully consider what you are \_\_\_\_\_ committed to.

II. The second practical step of giving like God gives is to value \_\_\_\_\_ in both giving and receiving. Accountability matters because we want to keep our \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 6:1-5 1 Brethren, even if anyone is caught in any trespass, you who are spiritual, restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness; each one looking to yourself, so that you too will not be tempted. 2 Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ. 3 For if anyone thinks he is something when he is nothing, he deceives himself. 4 But each one must examine his own work, and then he will have reason for boasting in regard to himself alone, and not in regard to another. 5 For each one will bear his own load.

✓ Care as much about following \_\_\_\_\_ on giving as you do about how the money is spent.

III. The third practical step of giving like God gives is to end with \_\_\_\_\_ giving. Giving with purpose is the result of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, not the opposite of them.

Proverbs 21:5 The plans of the diligent lead surely to abundance, but everyone who is hasty comes only to poverty.

Proverbs 16:9 The heart of man plans his way, but the Lord establishes his steps.

James 4:13-15 Come now, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we will go into such and such a town and spend a year there and trade and make a profit"—yet you do not know what tomorrow will bring. What is your life? For you are a mist that appears for a little time and then vanishes. Instead you ought to say, "If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that."

✓ In prayer, plan your regular giving and then \_\_\_\_\_ your plan in faith.

Remember this - The goal of our giving is to give as \_\_\_\_\_ does.

Our challenge: Give in the same \_\_\_\_\_ that God gives.

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