

“Generous Living”

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Matthew 6:33 *But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*

Review: *We are created by a generous God to be generous people. So what gets in the way?*

“More Money” Myths

1. If I had more money, I would be generous. 2 Cor. 8-9
 - a. Generosity is a STEWARDSHIP issue.
 - b. Generosity is a SOWING & REAPING issue.
 - c. Generosity is a MIRACLE issue.
- * Our Gift x God’s Grace = Miraculous Multiplication
2. If I had more money, I wouldn’t worry about my needs.
3. If I had more money, I would follow God’s principles.

Message: *Fearful living keeps us from joyful giving.*

What am I afraid of regarding my finances?

Joyful Giving Comes From Kingdom Truth: Matthew 6:19-34

1. Kingdom TREASURE - Where’s your heart?
2. Kingdom PRIORITIES – What’s your plan?
 - a. Priority Giving
 - b. Percentage Giving
 - c. Progressive Giving
 - d. Prompted Giving
3. Kingdom SOURCE – Who’s your source?

RESULT: Joyful Giving! 2 Cor. 8:2

* Severe trial (poverty) + Overflowing JOY = Generosity

Application:

1. **Examine your heart** – What beliefs drive your fears?
2. **Evaluate your seed bucket** – What do you have to sow?
3. **Create your 2011 plan for Kingdom giving and generous living.**

PERSONAL APPLICATION:

Kingdom PRIORITIES – What’s your plan?

READ AND MEDITATE: 2 Corinthians 8-9

- a. Priority Giving – give first, not leftovers
- b. Percentage Giving – decide in your heart
- c. Progressive Giving – excel in giving
- d. Prompted Giving – by the Holy Spirit

1 John 4:18 *There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love.*

Proverbs 11:25 *A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.*

Proverbs 22:9 *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*