

Series – Good Habits With Giving Christ More in 2024, part 3

Message Summary: One of our main scriptures for this series is from 1 Timothy which says, “*train yourselves to be godly.*” Training requires us to develop habits through repetition. We must develop godly habits...godly routines in order to follow Jesus effectively in this world. The reason we are taking the time to talk about giving is this quality is connected to godliness. Psalm 37:21 -“...the godly are **generous givers.**” Godly people are generous. Therefore, if we are to be training ourselves to be godly, then we must develop a good giving habit.

The Good Habit of Giving

1. Identify your fears with money. Matthew 6:31-32

- I won't have enough to meet my needs .
- God will not come through.
- Giving will negatively affect my future.
- Generosity will get in the way of my plans.

2. Believe the Promises of God. Proverbs 11:24-25

- Know God's promises.
- Claim God's promises.
- Pray God's promises.
- Watch for God's promises.
- Thank God for His promises.

3. View Money Through the Lens of Eternity. Matthew 6:31-33

- Generosity is a way to seek the Kingdom of God.
- Generosity prepares us for eternity.
- Generosity allows us to experience God's miraculous Kingdom.

4. Practice the Steps of Generosity. James 1:25

- Decide on an amount.
- Choose a method of consistency.
- Allow it to grow over time.

LifeGroup QUESTIONS: *All LifeGroups Begin this Week* ☺

BEGIN IT- (5min) Praise & opening prayer.

OPEN IT- (10min) What blessings have you received recently?

EXPLORE IT- (60min) Review Sunday's sermon outline and allow the group to share their notes and comments. Now answer the following questions:

1. Why is generosity connected to godliness? Why is this a habit that helps me follow Jesus?
2. What fears do you have when it comes to giving?
3. God gives us so many promises about giving and the results of obedience. Are these promises hard to believe? Why or why not?
4. Have you ever experienced these promises yourself? Share about your own experiences.
5. How do we view money through the lens of eternity? Why is this so necessary?

APPLY IT- (15min) How can we practice the steps of giving? Do you have a method of consistency? (giving on Sundays – online giving platform – automatic withdraw)
Why should we allow our giving to grow?