



- Our giving reflects the \_\_\_\_\_ in our heart for God.
- Our giving matters to God because **we** matter to God. He \_\_\_\_\_ about our relationship with Him.

#### **Giving \_\_\_\_\_ the Law of Moses**

- The first thing Noah did after he left the ark was to build an altar, and he made an offering unto the Lord. Genesis 8:20-21
- Did Noah's giving matter to God? It so moved the heart of God that God made a \_\_\_\_\_ to never send a catastrophic judgment like the flood ever again.
- Even before there was any written Word, there was something in the heart of believers that \_\_\_\_\_ to give to God.

#### **Giving \_\_\_\_\_ the Law of Moses**

- The first Scripture from God ever to be written down was called the Law of Moses. This was a covenant between God and His people, Israel. It consisted of numerous \_\_\_\_\_ and regulations, many of which dealt with the area of giving.
- Did Israel's giving matter to God?
- *"Even from the days of your fathers ye are gone away from mine ordinances, and have not kept them. Return unto me, and I will return unto you, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye said, Wherein shall we return? Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me... ..But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation."* **Malachi 3:7-9**

### **Giving during Christ's \_\_\_\_\_ ministry**

- *"And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living." Mark 12:43-44*
- Did this poor widow's giving matter to Christ? It truly touched His \_\_\_\_\_ because she **sacrificed** in order to give to God.

### **Giving in the dispensation of \_\_\_\_\_**

- Giving is the natural and \_\_\_\_\_ response of a person that has experienced God's amazing grace.
- Does our giving matter to God today? Does He \_\_\_\_\_ when we make sacrifices and give?
- *"Now ye Philippians know also, that in the beginning of the gospel, when I departed from Macedonia, no church communicated with me as concerning giving and receiving, but ye only. For even in Thessalonica ye sent once and again unto my necessity... But I have all, and abound: I am full, having received of Epaphroditus the things which were sent from you, an odour of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, wellpleasing to God." Philippians 4:15-16, 18*



- Giving is the natural and normal response of a person that \_\_\_\_\_ God.
- All throughout history, God has had a plan and purpose that He is seeking to fulfill on earth. God has desired that His people \_\_\_\_\_ to help **that** plan advance and move forward.
- The place that God's people give has always mattered to God.

### **God's place of giving in the Old Testament**

- God had a plan to reach the world with His truth in the Old Testament. God would raise up a \_\_\_\_\_ of people that would be a light to all the other nations.
- In order to achieve God's purpose and plan, God mandated that a believer in the Old Testament give a certain amount, and give it to a certain place. Nehemiah 10:34-39
- The tithe required that the Israelites give \_\_\_\_\_ of all their income.
- One of the tithes was to go to the Levites, who had the responsibility of carrying on the priestly functions of the temple.

### **God's place of giving in His kingdom program**

- *"Fear not, little flock; for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom..."*

*...Sell that ye have, and give alms; provide yourselves bags which wax not old, a treasure in the heavens that faileth not, where no thief approacheth, neither moth corrupteth."*

**Luke 12:32-33**

- This is the place where God desired that His people give – to those in \_\_\_\_\_. Matthew 25:34-40
- *"And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need."* **Acts 2:45**

### **God's place of giving in the time of grace**

- God's plan and purpose for this time period is that all people have the opportunity to hear God's \_\_\_\_\_ so that they can be saved. 1 Timothy 2:4
- What is God's method today for getting out His truth to people? 1 Timothy 3:15
  - ⇒ It is the \_\_\_\_\_ that supports, proclaims, and holds up the truth of God for others to see it and believe in it.
  - ⇒ God is working through the \_\_\_\_\_ today.
- Your local church should be the \_\_\_\_\_ place of your giving in this time period today. 1 Corinthians 9:9-11
- Ministries who are plowing and planting God's Word in people's hearts are to be supported through its \_\_\_\_\_ people. 1 Corinthians 9:13-14



## DOES GOD REWARD THOSE WHO GIVE?

- Today, God takes up residence in the believer and is with you in everything you do.
- *"...ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."*  
**2 Corinthians 6:16**
- When we give, God notices the gift and even the \_\_\_\_\_ attitude in which it is given.  
**2 Corinthians 9:7**
- Because of this fact, we can rest assured that there are rewards for those who exhibit the heart of Christ and are givers. Jesus said, *"It is more blessed to give than to receive."* **Acts 20:35**
- As we will see, this has been true throughout history.

### **Rewards during God's \_\_\_\_\_ program** **Deuteronomy 26:12, 15, 17-19; Malachi 3:10-12**

- *"Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine."* **Proverbs 3:9-10**

**Rewards during God's \_\_\_\_\_ program**  
**Matthew 19:27-29**

- *“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.”*  
**Luke 6:38**

- Kingdom giving required that a believer give it \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord, but the believer would receive it back with manifold interest when the kingdom arrived. Matthew 16:27

**Rewards during God's \_\_\_\_\_ program**

- We are living in the dispensation of grace.
- The moment we believe on Christ, God places us **into** Christ and makes us \_\_\_\_\_ with Him. He lives within us!
- Our permanent dwelling place will be in the \_\_\_\_\_.  
Ephesians 2:5-7
- When we give today, there is a twofold reward from God.  
Philippians 4:17
  - ⇒ We get to see and enjoy the **fruit** of our giving as people are saved and impacted with the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.
  - ⇒ We also know that our giving is abounding to our heavenly \_\_\_\_\_.
- Are there any promises that God gives to the grace giver in this time period? Philippians 4:19; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
- Your giving truly touches the \_\_\_\_\_ of God.



- God not only notices the gift, but He also sees the attitude of the \_\_\_\_\_ when we give.
- When we give, and God looks down into our heart, what does God desire to see?
- How can we give to the Lord with "a perfect heart," like Israel did in our text?

**First, when we give \_\_\_\_\_ rather than grudgingly - vs. 6, 9, 14, 17**

- This is so precious to God, when He sees us giving because we \_\_\_\_\_ Him, and because we love His work, and we truly **want** to give.
- *"Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

**Second, when we give \_\_\_\_\_ rather than bitterly - vs. 6-9**

- Why would God love a cheerful giver? It is simply because there is no way to give **cheerfully** unless you give **willingly**, and it is that willingness and \_\_\_\_\_ to give that God loves to see.

- *"As the Father knoweth me, even so know I the Father: and I lay down my life for the sheep... No man taketh it from me, but I lay it down of myself. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it again. This commandment have I received of my Father."*

**John 10:15, 18**

- *"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* **Hebrews 12:2**
- Giving always produces \_\_\_\_\_ when it is done with a right heart.

**Third, when we give \_\_\_\_\_ rather than selfishly - vs. 11-16**

- *"For ye know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that, though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, that ye through his poverty might be rich."*
- 2 Corinthians 8:9**
- The grace giver gives back to God thankfully because he recognizes that \_\_\_\_\_ he has comes from God.

**In Conclusion:**

- Does God notice our heart when we give? Absolutely!
- It brings such joy to His heart when He sees a believer giving willingly, joyfully, and thankfully. Giving truly becomes an act of \_\_\_\_\_. vs. 20-22