



Looking For The Power To Give More

(A Lesson on Giving)

Introduction:

1. Each congregation of the Lord's church is to be a giving congregation.
2. Each Christian in the Lord's church is to be a giving Christian.
3. We, as a congregation and individually as Christians, need to be a giving people.

I. You are a Steward

- A. A steward is one who has the oversight of another property, whether it be a house, land, work, or money.
- B. All things on earth belong to the Father above (1 Corinthians 10:26; Psalm 24:1).
 1. Our body and spirit belong to God (1 Corinthians 6:20).
- C. As stewards we must consume and use the property under our oversight for the Master (Matthew 25:14).
- D. We will take nothing with us when we die (Ecclesiastes 5:14,15; 1 Timothy 6:7).
 1. Are we over sure of what we possess?
- E. We are to be faithful stewards (1 Corinthians 4:2).

II. Stewardship Throughout Time

- A. Man has always been a steward of God's things.
- B. God requires sacrifice:
 1. Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:3-8; Hebrews 11:4)
 2. Noah (Genesis 8:20)

III. Why Do You Give?

- A. Give because others have given (Acts 2:44-45; 4:32-37; 2 Corinthians 8:1-5).
- B. Give because Christ gave (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).
- C. Give because it is a command of God (1 Corinthians 16:1,2).
- D. Give because God loves a cheerful giver (1 Corinthians 9:7).
- E. Give because of the law of sowing and reaping (2 Corinthians 9:6-10).
- F. Give because we should not rob God (Malachi 3:10).

IV. Looking for the Power to Give More

- A. The churches of Macedonia (2 Corinthians 8:1-4)
 1. Notice that they gave beyond their ability.
 2. Note what the Macedonians gave first – themselves (verse 5).
 3. Paul encourages the church at Corinth to abound in the grace of this type of giving also (verse 7).
- B. The power to give will come from our hearts (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- C. The power to give comes from our power to sow (2 Corinthians 9:6).
- D. The more we give, the more God will allow us to give.

Conclusion:

1. We must give of our means, but first we must give of ourselves.
2. The power to give is always there, we will find it and practice it.