



"A GIVING WAY OF LIVING"

Generosity and the Christian

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am

Scripture Reading: Acts 20: 35

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Intro.

- A. "A Giving Way of Living" is the title of a classic children's book.
- B. It is a story of a lifetime of *continual selfless offerings*.

I. THE HEART OF THE MATTER (Jn 13:36ff).

- A. Jesus asked: "Will you lay down your **l**_____ for Me" (Jn 13:38)?
- B. The real issue is: "Will you **l**_____ for me (Rm 12: 1-2)?
- C. Jesus is the perfect example. "He emptied Himself" (Phil 2:7).
- D. Jesus did not just give us His life on the cross, but died **d**_____.

II. WHY WOULD SOMEONE GIVE THEIR LIFE FOR CHRIST?

- A. What are *self-sacrificing* people thinking?
- B. We often fear to give.
 - 1. We fear it might not be **a**_____.
 - 2. We fear we might create dependence or "entitlement."
- C. If we want to know why, we should ask those who are doing so. The committed husbands and wives, dedicated evangelists, etc.

III. HOW MUCH SHOULD WE BE WILLING TO GIVE? E_____?

- A. The widow **g**_____ her entire living" (Luke 21: 4).
- B. God commends those who give of themselves *generously*.
- C. The Macedonian churches "gave beyond their means" because they first "gave themselves" (2 Cor 8: 1-5).
- D. Are we willing to lay down our dreams, wealth, career plans, ideas, and life for Jesus?

Conclusion:

- A. What should we be able to see today with Peter?
 - 1. Why Lord can I not follow you now?
 - 2. I am willing to lay down my life for you?
- B. Are you willing to live for **J**_____ today?

Notes:

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

live
daily
gave
EVERYTHING
appreciated
life
Jesus