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# LIVING GENEROUSLY

**FINAL INSTALLMENT**



# Kirkland Singing

Tonight at 5:00 p.m.

# Traits of a Successful Family



**Sunday - March 8 - 5:00 p.m.**

# **A MARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN** (Gen 2: 24-25)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 3/15

# Marriage, a Spiritual Covenant

**Friday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 7:30pm**

- How is a covenant different from a contract?
- What is the real spiritual meaning of the wedding traditions?
- What is God's plan for a holy triune vs a human duet?



**How to Enrich & Instill Marital Commitment**  
**Sunday March 8<sup>th</sup> 10:30am**

- How to keep romance & love alive!
- Understanding the six keys to marital satisfaction.
- How to rewrite marital vows; keep them fresh & meaningful.

***JOIN US!***



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## KEY PREMISE #1:

One must first recognize  
the Creator's ownership  
of all things!

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**I Chron 29:14**

**“For all things come of  
Thee, and of thine own  
only have we given back to  
Thee.”**

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## KEY PREMISE #2:

The surrender of self to  
God must precede the  
giving of our material  
means!

# **LIVING GENEROUSLY**

## **THESIS:**

- **THE BIBLICAL PATTERN**
- **HOW TO AVOID ROBBING GOD.**
- **THE CHALLENGE HERE AT KIRKLAND.**

# **LIVING GENEROUSLY**

## **THE BIBLICAL PATTERN**

- **WHEN?**
  - “On the first day of the week” (I Cor 16: 1-2).

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

- **WHO?**
  - “Let each one of *you*” (I Cor 16: 1-2).
  - **CHRISTIANS!**

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

- **HOW? (2 Cor 9:7)**
  - “As he hath *prospered*.”
  - “As he hath *purposed*.”

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

- **HOW MUCH?**
  - Give *liberally* (Prov 22:9)!
  - “Give with *liberality*” (Rm 12:8).

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

- “As you abound in everything, in faith, and knowledge, and love **abound** in this *grace* also” (2 Cor 8:7).

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## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

- “He who sows sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he that sows *bountifully* shall reap *bountifully*” (2 Cor. 9:6).

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## TITHING IN THE PATRIARCHAL AGE

- **Abram** gave a tenth to Melchizedek (Gen 14: 8-20).
- **Jacob** voluntarily vowed to give God a tenth (Gen 28:22).

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## TITHING IN THE MOSAICAL AGE

- “The **tithe** of the land is the Lord’s, it is holy to the Lord. The **tithe** of the flock or herd shall be holy to the Lord” (Lev 27:2, 30-32).

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## TITHING IN THE MOSAICAL AGE

- “Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! You say, in what way have we robbed You? In your *tithes and offerings* (Mal 3:8,10).

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## TITHES AND OFFERING

- **Tithes** = regular upkeep of the priesthood.
- **Offerings** = special needs.



# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## GIVING IN THE CHRISTIAN AGE

- Regular ***planned giving*** to the local congregation on Sunday's.
- ***Special offerings*** for ***special needs***
  - *Benevolence* (Acts 4:34-35, 2 Cor 8:1-15).
  - *Evangelism* (2 Cor 11:8, Phil 1:5).



# **Ways we could Rob God? When we ..**

- Do not raise our contributions when we have increases in income!
- We give out of one salary and there is a two-salary income.
- When we do not “make up” our contribution when we are “away.”

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## GIVING IN THE CHRISTIAN AGE

- No specific percentage.
- On the *honor system*!
- Past ages are a *guideline*.

**LIVING  
GENEROUSLY**

# **GOD IS NEVER SATISFIED WITH LEFTOVERS!**

- Malachi 1:13 “Ye say, behold what a *weariness* is it! You have brought the *lame*, and the *sick*; shall I accept this at your hand, saith Jehovah?”

# LIVING GENEROUSLY

## THE BIBLICAL PATTERN

### AFTER WHAT MANNER?

- In a *worshipful* manner.
- It is a way to honor God as we offer up our sacrifices to Him (Mal 1:6).

## Current Situation at Kirkland

- The **Current Budget**, given our current income vs regular expenses = **Break even**.
- Our current “**reserve**” is less than what is needed to handle necessary *deferred maintenance*.
- Without increased giving as we grow it limits our **mission initiatives**.

## Current Situation at Kirkland

- **What is the solution?**
  - Increase our **weekly contributions** beyond breakeven.
  - Have **special love offerings** ear-marked for special evangelistic efforts.
    - **Local outreach** – invitation events & radio program.
    - **Foreign fields** – send out our own mission team led by Julian Robinson to Costa Rica.

## Current Situation at Kirkland

### – Local outreach –

- Four invitation events = **\$11,000** to cover.
- Radio program = **\$4,000** raised first.

### – Foreign fields – send out our own mission team led by Julian Robinson to Costa Rica. July 3-11

- Most pay their own way.
- Need three or four more volunteers.
- Materials plus help some others - **\$6,000 - \$8,000**

### – **Total special offerings 2015:** **\$21,000 - \$23,000.**

## CONCLUSION:

- Let us give from the heart *liberally* in a way that pleases God.
- Pray and Dream and Plan and consider making a gift or commitment by March 15<sup>th</sup>.