



Traits of a Successful Family



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

AMARRIAGE MADE IN HEAVEN (Gen 2: 24-25)

Sunday 10:30 a.m. 3/15

Marriage, a Spiritual Covenant

Friday, March 6th 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 8th 10:30am

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

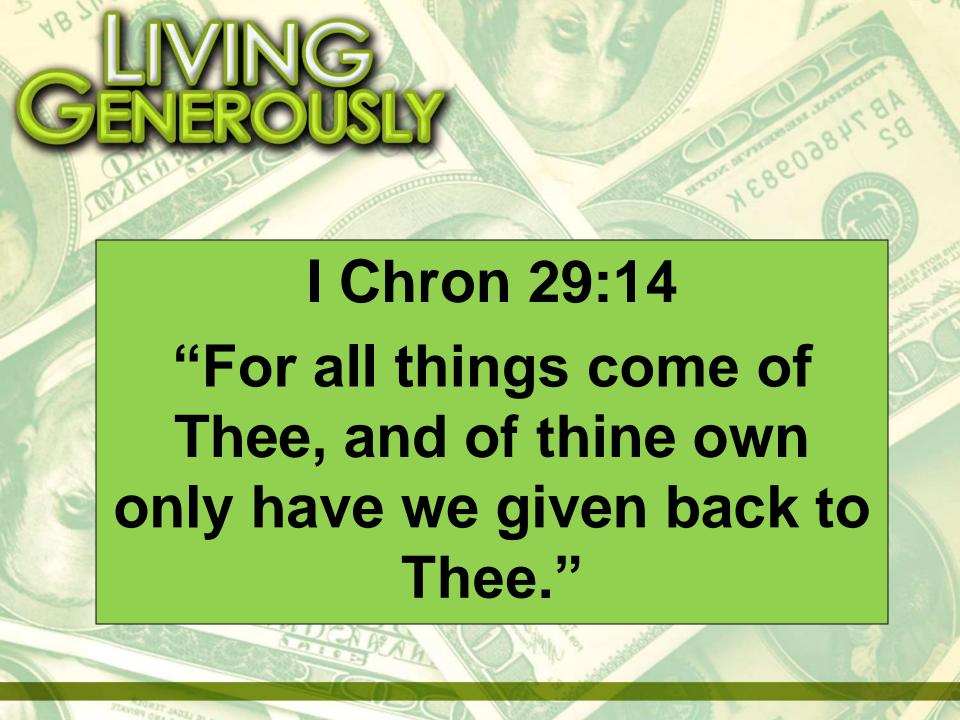


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KEY PREMISE #2:

The surrender of <u>self</u> to God must precede the giving of our material means!



THESIS:

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



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

LIVING GENEROUSLY

- · WHO?
 - "Let each one of you" (I Cor 16: 1-2).
 - CHRISTIANS!



- HOW? (2 Cor 9:7)
 - "As he hath prospered."
 - "As he hath <u>purposed."</u>



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



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



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



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).



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

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).



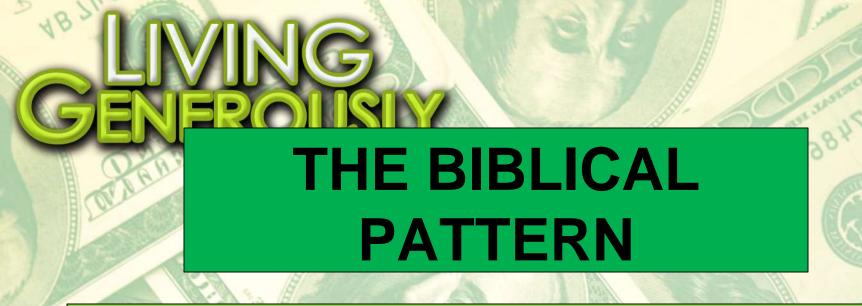
- Do not raise our contributions when we have increases in income!
- We give out of one salary and there is a two-salary income.
- When we do not "make up" our contribution when we are "away."



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

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?"



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.

LIVING

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.



- 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 15th.