



“LIVING GENEROUSLY”

Sacrificial Giving – The Challenge!

INTERACTIVE OUTLINE

Sunday Morning: 10:30 am
Scripture Reading: Acts 20: 35

March 1, 2015
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Intro.

- A. Twenty-seven of the thirty-six parables of Jesus deal with *stewardship* and the danger of *covetousness*.
- B. There is more about giving in the Bible than confession, **b**_____, and the Lord's Supper put together!

I. TWO KEY PREMISES:

- A. One must first recognize the Creator's **o**_____ of all things. (Ps 24:1, Ps 50:10, I Chron 29:14).
- B. The surrender of self to God must *precede* the giving of our material means (2 Cor 8:5).

II. THE BIBLICAL PATTERN.

- A. **When.** “On the **f**_____ day of the week” (I Cor 16:1-2).
- B. **Who?** “Let *each* one of you (I Cor 16: 1-2).
- C. **How?** “As he hath **p**_____ and purposed” (2 Cor 9:7).
- D. **How much?** “Give with **l**_____ (Rm 12:8).
 - 1. “Abound in this grace also” (2 Cor 8:7).
 - 2. “He who sows sparingly shall reap sparingly” (2 Cor 9:6).

III. OLD TESTAMENT COMPARED TO THE NEW TESTAMENT.

- A. In the OT they offered up “tithes and **o**_____” (Mal 3:8, 10).
- B. In the NT they offered up regular gifts to the church and had special love offerings for special needs.

IV. GOD IS NOT SATISFIED WITH LEFT-OVERS (MAL 1:13).

V. WE SHOULD GIVE IN A WAY THAT IS WORSHIPFUL (MAL 1:6).

CONCLUSION:

- A. Let's be careful not to **r**_____ God in any way!
- B. Let's give from the heart *liberally* in a way that pleases God.
- C. Let us make His will and work our top priority.
- D. May we honor God and do so **j**_____!
- E. Let's pray and dream and plan and rise to the challenge the elders have set before us!

Notes:

SCRAMBLED ANSWERS:

first
joyfully
baptism
rob
offerings
liberality
prospered
ownership