



MOVING FINANCIALLY.

You can't out-give God, but we can sure out-give ourselves. What could the Church do if money was no issue? Surely, we could finish the Great Commission faster, deal with poverty much more efficiently, help end modern-day slavery and more. Today, we often think that giving is someone else's job - richer people, better people, the government, etc.

Yet *we* are the ones Christ commanded to take care of the poor.

So how are you helping people in need? What financial steps are you taking? What sacrifices are you willing to make? The Lord loves a cheerful giver. How can you give generously?

IN THE BIBLE.

2 Cor. 9:6-13

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

9 As it is written:

“They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever.”

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of the Lord’s people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, others will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

James 2:14-17

What does it profit, my brethren, if someone says he has faith but does not have works? Can faith save him? If a brother or sister is naked and destitute of daily food, and one of you says to them, “Depart in peace, be warmed and filled,” but you do not give them the things which are needed for the body, what does it profit? Thus also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

QUESTIONS.

- 1.) Has anyone ever given generously to you? How did it affect you?
- 2.) Why does God call us to be generous?
- 3.) Pastor Adam said that giving generously changes your head and heart. In what way have you seen (or do you expect to see) your head and heart changed through your generosity?
- 4.) If you aren't in a position to give money, what can you give?

Whenever you read the Bible, ask yourself these three questions:

1. What does this tell you about God?
2. What does this tell you about yourself and the world?
3. How is this going to change who you are and how you live?