Sunday, December 9, 2012

Why Give?

I. We give in order to ___________ _______________.

II. We give in order to ______________our ________________.

III. We give in order to ______________blessings both material and ________________.

*Giving is not so much God’s way of raising money as it is God’s way of raising _________________.

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Scripture References:

**II Corinthians 8:1-5** Now, brethren, we wish to make known to you the grace of God which has been given in the churches of Macedonia, \(^2\) that in a great ordeal of affliction their abundance of joy and their deep poverty overflowed in the wealth of their liberality. \(^3\) For I testify that according to their ability, and beyond their ability, they gave of their own accord, \(^4\) begging us with much urging for the favor of participation in the support of the saints, \(^5\) and this, not as we had expected, but they first gave themselves to the Lord and to us by the will of God.

**Romans 14:7** Not one of us lives for himself, and not one dies for himself.

**II Corinthians 5:15** He died for all, so that they who live might no longer live for themselves, but for Him who died and rose again on their behalf.

**II Corinthians 8:9** For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.

**II Corinthians 8:7-8** Just as you abound in everything, in faith and utterance and knowledge and in all earnestness and in the love we inspired in you, see that you abound in this gracious work also. \(^6\) I am not speaking this as a command, but as proving through the earnestness of others the sincerity of your love also.

**James 2:15-16** If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, \(^6\) and one of you says to them, “Go in peace, be warmed and be filled,” and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?

**II Corinthians 9:6-11** Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. \(^7\) Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. \(^8\) And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed; \(^9\) as it is written, “He scattered abroad, he gave to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.” \(^10\) Now He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness; \(^11\) you will be enriched in everything for all liberality, which through us is producing thanksgiving to God.

**Malachi 3:10** “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and test Me now in this,” says the Lord of hosts, “if I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.”

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**Luke 16:10-11** He who is faithful in a very little thing is faithful also in much; and he who is unrighteous in a very little thing is unrighteous also in much. \(^11\) Therefore if you have not been faithful in the use of unrighteous wealth, who will entrust the true riches to you?

**Proverbs 11:24-25** There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, and there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want. \(^25\) The generous man will be prosperous, and he who waters will himself be watered.

**Matthew 20:28** The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

**Romans 5:8** But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.