

## **Sermon Notes: 5.2.21**

### **MAKING AN IMPACT: Partnering with God Through Generosity**

BIG IDEA: Give back to God to further His work

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7 (ESV)

“...Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35

For we are not, like so many, peddlers of God’s word.... 2 Corinthians 2:17

But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace also. 2 Corinthians 8:7

“No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.” Matthew 6:24

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” Matthew 6:33

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“...Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven... For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matthew 6:21

“Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.” Luke 16:9 (NLT)

On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Corinthians 16:2 (ESV)

“Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on.” Mark 12:43-44

Rookie Giver: Decides to give something, and trust God and the leaders of the church with this gift.

Occasional Giver: Begins giving on a casual basis.

Consistent Giver: Begins giving as a priority on a recurrent or automated basis as a priority.

Increasing Giver: Begins to ask, “Is my giving a high priority for me? What’s first place in my life, really?”

Sacrificial Giver: Asks, “Am I giving in a way that changes me? Is it causing my lifestyle to be different to reflect the transformation Christ is making in me—to downsize and minimize materially so I can give more to things that matter eternally?”

The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. 2 Corinthians 9:6

“...Give, and it will be given to you....For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.” Luke 6:38

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