

Sermon Notes

"How God Finances Ministry"

Numbers 18:8-32

September 18, 2022

Acts 11:29	Planned
2 Corinthians 9:7	Regular
1 Corinthians 16:2	Rewarded
Matthew 6:3-4	Willingly/Cheerful
Luke 12:33	Generous
2 Corinthians 9:6	Without Exhibition
2 Corinthians 9:8-11	An act of Faith
Philippians 4:19	Proportionate

Which of these principles are most convicting to you?
Why?

5. How am I doing at my basic giving commitment to God, beginning with my local church (1 Corinthians 9:9-12; Galatians 6:6)? Whether I believe in the 10 percent guideline or not, do I qualify as a true giver, as someone who "excels" at this grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)? If not, what steps can I take to press forward?

If you are planning some new step in giving, how can the group support and encourage you?

Let's Pray

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 9-18-2022

Adapted from Brian Smith & Randy Alcorn, The Treasure Principle Bible Study,
Multnomah Books, Colorado Springs, CO, 2003, p. 23, 50, 84, 86.

Getting Started:

1. Explain some of the fantasies and falsehoods the world would like us to believe about material wealth.

Digging Deeper:

2. Tithing, giving a tenth of one's income, was an ancient institution in the Near East. Both Abraham (Gen. 14:20) and Jacob (Gen. 28:22) tithed centuries before the Mosaic Law was given. Jesus validated the mandatory tithe, even on small things (Matthew 23:23). But there's no mention of tithing after the gospels, not even in passages where giving is urged. What do you think? Is tithing a continuing principle for New Covenant believers? What in Scripture leads you to those thoughts?
3. Read Matthew 6:21. What do your checkbook, your credit card statements, your receipts, and your appointment book say about the placement of your treasure?
4. Match the following texts with the giving principle it teaches. (Note: some verses will be used more than once, and some principles will connect with more than one verse.)