

BACK TO BASICS

The Generous Spirit - Part B Luke 6:38; 21:1-4

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ENEMIES OF A GENEROUS SPIRIT

- ❶ Greed / Idolatry
- ❷ False Sense of Security
- ❸ Selfishness
- ❹ Fear
- ❺ Debt (Proverbs 22:7)

LESSONS ABOUT GIVING GOD'S WAY (Luke 21:1-4)

- ❶ Giving has always been an essential part of worship.
 - Exodus 23:15 - No one is to appear before me empty-handed.
 - Reasons for giving:
 - A. The good that such gifts can accomplish
 - B. The testing and strengthening of our faith (cf. Malachi 3:10)
 - C. The good that such giving does to the character of the giver

- ❷ The Lord carefully observes us as we give. (cf. Mark 12:41)
- ❸ The Lord does not focus on the amount given, but on the heart of the giver.
- ❹ Real giving requires faith. (Philippians 4:19)
- ❺ Real giving must be sacrificial. (1 Chronicles 21:24)
 - Sacrifice = The act of giving up something that is greatly valued
- ❻ Real giving has a certain recklessness in it. (Mark 14:3-9)

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Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you. (LUKE 6:38)

LifeGroup Questions - Doing Life Together

Week of May 27-June 2, 2018

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Sermons can be viewed online at creeksideeg.com/sermon

Questions are based on the NIV translation of the Bible

PRAYER

Begin your time together by praising God and asking Him to guide the discussion of your group. Thank Him for His generosity toward us, and for the privilege we have to be generous like Him.

MY STORY

1. What are some ways that God has shown His generosity to you?

DIGGING DEEPER

2. **Read Luke 6:38.** What from Sunday's message challenged you or gave you new insight into developing a generous spirit?
3. **Read Malachi 3:10.** What general principles do you see in this verse regarding giving to God and what can we expect if we give this way? Put a check next to the statement that best summarizes your feelings about what God says in **Malachi 3:10**.
☐ I am excited to give to God because I am so thankful for all He has done for me.
☐ I am anxious and a little fearful about giving because there never seems to be enough for my needs.
☐ I am frustrated and maybe even a little angry that God asks His people to give this way.
☐ Other _____
4. What are some of the positive things that come about when God's people give financially through the church? Which is most exciting to you? Why?

5. In your view, is it an accurate statement that the person who most benefits from giving is the one who gives? Explain.
6. In your own words, explain the following definition of biblical stewardship. Biblical stewardship is organizing your life in such a way that God can spend it. What would this look like in your life?
7. Explain **2 Corinthians 9:6-9**. Do these verses reflect your attitude about giving?
8. In your way of thinking, how much faith does biblical giving require? Explain.
9. **Read Mark 12:41-44.** What, in your view, is the most important point in this passage? Why?

DIGGING EVEN DEEPER

10. What do the following verses teach us about money?
Haggai 2:8
Deuteronomy 8:17-18
Luke 12:15
1 Timothy 6:7-10
Proverbs 11:4

TAKING IT HOME

11. How does this lesson affect your attitude about giving to God's work? Are there any steps you feel led to take? If so, please write them in the space below and ask God to help you act on them.

PRAYING TOGETHER

Pray for the needs of your group and ask God to help you develop a grateful and generous spirit in your giving.