

SERMON NOTES

"Cha Ching: Making Money Matter"
Week One: Principles for Giving

Giving is not an issue of <u>LAW</u> . It is an issue of the <u>HEART</u> .	
I no longer give out of <u>OBEDIENCE</u> , but out of <u>THANKFULNESS</u> .	
Give in RESPONSE to God's grace. (II Cor. 8:1)	
Give SACRIFICIALLY (II Cor. 8:2)	
Give to support the WORK of God (II Cor. 8:4)	
Give on PURPOSE (plan for it) (II Cor. 9:7)	
Give GENEROUSLY (II Cor. 9:6)	

LIFEGROUP STUDY QUESTIONS

For the week of November 10, 2019

MY STORY

What is your favorite childhood memory around Christmas?

Should a Christmas tree be put up before or after Thanksgiving? Please defend your answer.

Read Acts 20:35 and talk about a time that you have seen this truth.

Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

DIGGING DEEPER

This week's teaching was "Principles for Giving." What are some of the things we say/believe that justify a lack of giving?

What are some examples of how God has grown and/or changed you in the area of giving?

"Tithing" can be a "hot topic" among believers. Were you taught to "tithe?" What passages of scripture shape your view on "tithing" today?

Read Genesis 14:12-20. What motivated Abram to "tithe?"

Read Genesis 28:16-22. What motivated Jacob to "tithe?"

Read Luke 18:10-13. Was there a difference in motivation for the Pharisee to "tithe?"

What difference does it make in a person when they give out of thankfulness rather than giving out of obedience?

Read Luke 12:27-34. What does this passage teach us about giving?

One of the key principles for giving is to understand that <u>everything I have belongs to God and I need to manage it wisely</u>. What are some things that Christians do, or do not do, that reflect this truth?

TAKING IT HOME

What are some ways that we can teach these truths to the next generation?

Which of the five points on the other side of this paper is the easiest for you? Which one is the hardest?

Is there anything you need to do as a result of what you've learned this week?