Christian Life Apps Generous Giving Pastor Steve

Key Verses of the Series

Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, <u>train yourself to be godly</u>. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come. 1 Timothy 4:7-8 NIV

Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. Matthew 6:19-20 NLT

Christian Life App For Today

Generous GIVING.

Grab This!

Today, as we talk about giving, we are going to focus on the heart behind giving, rather than the **DESTINATION** of giving.

Key Thought of the Day

Because God has been so generous to his people, his people ought to live a life of **GENEROSITY IN GRATITUDE**.

And I am praying that you will <u>put into action the generosity that comes from your faith</u> as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Philemon 1:6 NLT

Key Verse of the Day

Don't you realize that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who lives in you and was given to you by God? You do not belong to yourself, <u>for God bought you with a high price</u>. 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 NLT

Grab This!

If you are a follower of Jesus, your life is not your own... it belongs to God, because He **PURCHASED** you with the very blood of Jesus.

Don't Miss This!

You can't **OUT-GIVE** God.

Christians Should Give...

GENEROUSLY.

Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. <u>But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop</u>. You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." <u>And God will generously provide all you need</u>. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 NLT

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Christians Should Give...

• THANKFULLY.

Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be generous. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God. So two good things will result from this ministry of giving—the needs of the believers in Jerusalem will be met, and they will joyfully express their thanks to God. 2 Corinthians 9:11-12 NLT

Christians Should Give...

• SACRIFICALLY.

Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins.

Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on." Mark 12:41-44 NLT

Don't Miss This!

You don't have to give **A LARGE AMOUNT** of money to give sacrificially.

The Bottom Line

How much should I give? That is the **WRONG** question. Instead, we should ask, How much **CAN I GIVE**?

The Challenge

What would God have you give to Him?