

I Will - Give Generously

Core Class - I Will

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Give: to present voluntarily and without expecting compensation

Antonyms: deny, disapprove, hold, keep, refuse, retain, take, withhold, neglect, hold up, refrain

Generously: liberal in giving or sharing; unselfish

Antonyms: poorly, coldly, grudgingly, heartlessly, selfishly, sparingly, stingily

1. The Greatest Sermon Ever

*“Do not store up **for yourselves** treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21).*

The key to this passage are these two words _____.

How do we store up things in heaven?

- 1) Sharing the _____.
- 2) Every act of _____ will receive a reward in heaven. Matt. 10:42
- 3) When we give to the _____, we are literally giving it to Jesus. Prov. 19:17

2. The _____ in Local Congregations

Only _____ tithe and some people think that's way higher than reality.

On average Christians give 2.5% of their income to church.

During the Great Depression, they gave _____!!

What got us to that point besides lack of _____?

What about existing church members?

Ask yourself, “What is the purpose of the church?”

When we withhold our gifts from the church, it's a reflection of our _____.

Romans 11:35-36 (NIV)

35 "Who has ever given to God,
that God should repay them?"

36 For from him and through him and for him are all things.
To him be the glory forever! Amen.

3. The _____ Factor

2 Corinthians 9:6-11

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 9 As it is written:

"They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor;
their righteousness endures forever."

10 Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. 11 You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians turns human _____ upside down.

How to give: _____.

How not to give: _____, or out of OBLIGATION or COMPULSION.

4. The Action Plan

a) _____ - 2 Cor. 9:7.

b) **Trust** - Ps. 50:10

c) _____

Your obedience to God is directly related to your giving.

Your faithfulness as a church member is a function of your giving,

Your joy as a believer in Christ is closely tied to your giving.

Takeaways