



**Title: Love On! Don't Keep It For Yourself.**

**Scripture: 2 Cor. 9:1-6**

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**Bible Version: NKJV**

**Giving began with God.**

**Giving continued with Jesus.**

**Giving continues with the Holy Spirit.**

**We live in a society where the world says your time, money, and abilities all belong to you.**

*You become like what you worship. When you gaze in awe, admiration, and wonder at something or someone, you begin to take on something of the character of the object of your worship.- N.T. Wright*

**God does not exist for us; but rather we exist for him.**

**BOTTOM LINE: Use the time that God has given you.**

**God created everything and God owns everything.**

**Vs. 1-2**

**Your zeal has stirred up the majority** - Paul noted that the Corinthians generosity stirred up others around them. Their generosity inspired the believers in Macedonia.

When the church in Macedonia heard that the church in Corinth stepped up to help out in a situation, they stepped up.

*While Christians must not compete with each other in their service for Christ, they ought to provoke unto love and to good works. - Wiersbe*

When we are generous with what God has given us, He will use that to inspire others.

*But a zealous Christian can be the means of stirring up a church and motivating people to pray, work, witness, and give. - Wiersbe*

**The church should be on the leading edge of generosity. We should be the first to step in. We should be a picture of the destination.**

**Vs. 6**

**He who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully** - Paul says that when we give, we reap blessings.

**We can note in at least two ways:**

**Materially** - We can trust that God will provide for the giving heart.

**Spiritually** - We can trust that God will reward the giving heart both now and in eternity.

*The more we invest in the work of the Lord, the more "fruit" will abound to our account. -Wiersbe*

*Just as the farmer gives the seed in anticipation of a future harvest, we should give with the same heart. - Guzik*

*Go was unsparing in His giving.- Wiersbe*

There is a spiritual benefit when we recognize all that God has given us and share that with others.

[Act 17:28 NKJV] "for in Him we live and move and have our being, as also some of your own poets have said, 'For we are also His offspring.'

*Time is the heritage of every person.- Bill Bright*

*Every second of every minute, every minute of every hour, twenty-four hours a day belong to Him. - Bill Bright*

[Mat 6:33 NKJV] "But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you.

**We can't reach the next generation or the lost by simply throwing time or money at them.**

**We have to have to reach the next generation and the lost by the power of the Holy Spirit.**

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Discuss

Dig Deeper



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# 3D Guide

**BOTTOM LINE: Use the time that God has given you.**

**DO.**

1. What does this study reveal to you about God?
2. What does this study reveal to you about yourself?
3. Based on this, what changes do you need to make?
4. What is your prayer for today?



**DISCUSS.**



Read Psalm 90:12

1. What should be our prayer concerning the use of the time that God gives us?
2. Why is the proper use of our time today so important (James 4:13-15)?
3. What does God demand of us in stewardship of our time (Psalm 62:8)?

**DO.**



Anytime you read God's word you have to put things into perspective. You also have to realize that the terms, not words, have meanings. As a group re-read the scriptures that was studied. Try the Amplified Version and compare that to the NJKV, NIV, ESV, or NASB. Pick a few words and have a group member look that word up on [blueletterbible.com](http://blueletterbible.com) or with their app.



# Parents & Kids

TAKE **HOME**

DATE: **April 29th, 2018**

## **Joseph Explains Dreams & Does Something About Them Genesis**

**41:14-42:29**

1. The best part about the stories in the Bible is that they are true - they really happened! Let's look in the book of Genesis and read together the part of the story of Joseph that we talked about today. (Genesis 41:14-42:29)
2. Pharaoh really had some strange dreams! God helped Joseph to know what these dreams meant. What was God warning would happen? (there would be 7 good years, then 7 bad years where there wasn't enough food)
3. The Pharaoh was so impressed by Joseph that he put him in charge. But even though Joseph was now a very important man in Egypt, he stayed humble. What does it mean to be humble? (Joseph knew that it was God who made him wise!)
4. Let's pray and ask God to help us be wise with what is happening around us, and live humbly.

**Memory Verse:** Micah 6:8 (The Lord has told you what is good. He has told you what He wants from you: to do what is right to other people, love being kind to others, and live humbly obeying your God)

