

Lead with Faith — Invest

November 18-19, 2023
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2 Corinthians 9:7 (NIV) **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.

II. Biblical Investors (a short list)

- A. Land for the church - Joseph, Barnabas (Acts 4:32–37)
- B. Tomb for Jesus - Joseph of Arimathea (Mark 15:43-47)
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- D. Women Supporting Jesus Ministry - Joanna & Susanna (Luke 8:1-3)
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- F. Copper Coin - Widow at the Temple (Mark 12:41-44)
- G. Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh - 3 Wise Men (Matthew 2:1-12)
- H. Hosts for Dinners - Martha and Mary, Zac, Levi (Luke 10:38-42)
- I. New Church Plant - Lydia (Acts 16:11-15)
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- M. Mission of the Gospel - Macedonian Church (2 Corinthians 8:1-3)
- N. Building of the Temple - David and People (1 Chronicles 29:1-20)
- O. Jesus gave everything - Our Example

 Biblical investors receive earthly and heavenly _____.

III. Intentional Living

- A. Tithing 10% of income - Leviticus 27:30
- B. Offerings gifts to bless God's servants - 1 Corinthians 9:7-14
- C. First fruits offerings - Deuteronomy 14:22; Proverbs 3:9
- D. Charity for those in need - Give in secret to provide dignity

Matthew 6:2-3 (NIV) **2** “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. **3** But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, **4** so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you.

IV. Here at Home at The Church Next Door

- A. We are Thankful for our Past and Excited about our Future

2 Corinthians 8:7 (NIV) But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

- People Needs - Gospel: sharing Jesus near and far
- Property Needs - Facilities: paint, carpet, asphalt
- Physical Needs - Alms: helping the poor, hurting

- B. You have been Generous and God has been Faithful

Philippians 4:14-16 (NIV) **14** Yet it was good of you to share in my troubles. **15** Moreover, as you Philippians know, in the early days of your acquaintance with the gospel, when I set out from Macedonia, not one church shared with me in the matter of giving and receiving, except you only; **16** for even when I was in Thessalonica, you sent me aid more than once when I was in need.

- C. God has Blessed and Directed us.

Psalms 20:3-4 (NIV) **3** May he remember all your sacrifices and accept your burnt offerings. **4** May he give you the desire of your heart and make all your plans succeed.

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