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## Win With 10

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There are **2 parts of the Gospel** and both are vital.

The **Person** of Jesus & The **Principles** that he Taught

### The PERSON of Jesus

- Creates your Peace
- Prepares you for Eternity

### The PRINCIPLES that He taught

- Creates your Prosperity
- Prepare you for Earth (***you can be ready for Heaven but can't pay your bills***)

There is a difference in the **LOVE** of God vs. the **BLESSING** of God. **He Loves** me **INSPIRE** of and **Blesses me BECAUSE** of.

Rock City lets create a culture of **Generosity**.

There are four types of giving in the Bible:

1. **Tithe – Motivation is Obedience.**
2. **First Fruit Offerings – Motivation is Generosity.**
3. **Alms Giving – Motivation is Compassion.**
4. **Seed Giving – Motivation is Faith and Reward.**

**Stewardship** is how you manage your: **time** \_\_\_\_\_, **talent** \_\_\_\_\_, and **treasure** \_\_\_\_\_.

Apostle Ron Carpenter gave an incredible example. He said, ***“If you ask God for an oak tree, He'll give you an acorn.”*** But if we look at that acorn and put it in our pocket because it's all we have, we'll think God's word isn't true.

God **desires** \_\_\_\_\_ to **bless** \_\_\_\_\_ you!

Here's His word for this house.

### Amos 9:13-15 (MSG)

<sup>13</sup> "Yes indeed, it won't be long now." **GOD's Decree.** "Things are going to happen so fast your head will swim, one thing fast on the heels of the other. You won't be able to keep up. Everything will be happening at once—and everywhere you look, blessings! Blessings like wine pouring off the mountains and hills. <sup>14</sup> I'll make everything right again for my people Israel: "They'll rebuild their ruined cities. They'll plant vineyards and drink good wine. They'll work their gardens and eat fresh vegetables. <sup>15</sup> And I'll plant them, plant them on their own land. They'll never again be uprooted from the land I've given them." **GOD, your God, says so.**

### 2 Corinthians 9:10 (NLT)

<sup>10</sup> For God is the one who provides seed for the farmer and then bread to eat. In the same way, he will provide and increase your resources and then produce a great harvest of generosity in you.

Being \_\_\_\_\_ **consistent** \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ **honorable** \_\_\_\_\_ with God as it relates to our \_\_\_\_\_ **giving** \_\_\_\_\_.

We \_\_\_\_\_ **win** \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_ **10** \_\_\_\_\_!

The ten is your secret weapon. It's your ace in the hole. It's what you can count on for sure. It's the foundation you stand on. It's your winning strategy. **The ten is the mark of maturity, it's the sign of integrity.** The ten is the shield and protector of the believer. **The ten is what you use to remind God of His promises.**

You can't win with 10 & have a \_\_\_\_\_ **bad** \_\_\_\_\_ heart!

### Jeremiah 17:9-10 (NASB)

<sup>9</sup> "The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? <sup>10</sup> "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, **According to the results of his deeds.**

Your \_\_\_\_\_ **increase** \_\_\_\_\_ is according to your ways!

A Bad (stingy) Heart \_\_\_\_\_ **deceives** \_\_\_\_\_ the Believer making him or her believe that giving \_\_\_\_\_ **isn't** \_\_\_\_\_ **important** \_\_\_\_\_ to GOD!

The stingy non-giving, non-tithing disobedient heart is \_\_\_\_\_ **sick** \_\_\_\_\_!

Expectation is reserved to the sower!

Instead of having a symbiotic relationship we prefer a parasitic relationship.

God doesn't whoop other people's children. **You belong to Him.**

If I'm going to win with the ten, I can't be a Sloppy Steward.

A. What I receive is in my control. God could take it from us, but He gives us the opportunity to show love and honor.

B. If I've made too many bills, and I can't obey God, then I have to make adjustments and obey God. The only way to get relief from the weight of debt is with the help of the Lord.

If we disobey God, we hinder His Help. If we obey God consistently, we Participate in His Provision Power.

If I'm going to win with ten, I can't be casual, I must be consistent.

- Casual = occasional vs. Consistent = overflow

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 (NLT)

<sup>6</sup> Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. <sup>7</sup> 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." <sup>8</sup> And God will generously provide all you need. Then you will always have everything you need and plenty left over to share with others.

## 2 Corinthians 9:6-9 (MSG)

<sup>6</sup> Remember: A stingy planter gets a stingy crop; a lavish planter gets a lavish crop. <sup>7</sup> I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give. That will protect you against sob stories and arm-twisting. God loves it when the giver delights in the giving. <sup>8</sup> God can pour on the blessings in astonishing ways so that you're ready for anything and everything, more than just ready to do what needs to be done. <sup>9</sup> As one psalmist puts it, He throws caution to the winds, giving to the needy in reckless abandon. His right-living, right-giving ways never run out, never wear out.

I AM A **Consistent** tither, \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

I Am A Consistent **Giver**. \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

If I'm going to win with the ten, I can't be **Negative** or **Narcissistic**.

## 2 Corinthians 9:3-5 (NLT)

<sup>3</sup> But I am sending these brothers to be sure you really are ready, as I have been telling them, and that your money is all collected. I don't want to be wrong in my boasting about you. <sup>4</sup> We would be embarrassed—not to mention your own embarrassment—if some Macedonian believers came with me and found that you weren't ready after all I had told them! <sup>5</sup> So I thought I should send these brothers ahead of me to make sure the gift you promised is ready. **But I want it to be a willing gift, not one given grudgingly.**

A. We now deal with narcissistic people like I've never seen. Everything is about our **immediate gratification**. We've become obsessed with ourselves and could care less about the kingdom of God and His agenda.

Don't allow the negativity of your situation cause you to lose trust and obedience in God who is the only solution.

A **Christian** who is **unprepared** to give brings **shame** to the very name of Christian.

I'm a **Christian** who's a part of a **church** Body! So many people are Church Goers not Christians,

**The very purpose for Christ coming to earth was to give**—to give sacrificially and to give all. He gave His very life to meet the needs of desperate humanity.

Preacher's Outline and Sermon Bible - Commentary - The Preacher's Outline & Sermon Bible - 1 & 2 Corinthians.

God gave **Jesus**. Jesus gave his **life**. His life gave me **life**.

I **give back** so his **church** can give **life**.

What's in giving for me?

- **It Sets You Apart**
- **Makes Us Look Like Him**

Why does it make us look different, because it makes us look like Jesus! How does it make me look like Jesus?

### The Gospel is shaped by giving

- **John 3:16 (NASB)** For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life.
- **Luke 6:38 (NASB)** *Give, and it will be given to you. They* will pour into **your lap** a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, and running over. **For by your standard of measure it will be measured to you in return.**”

### PASS THE ROCK:

Giving makes my life a **RIVER** not a RESERVOIR!



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Reservoir vs. River

You won't **REAP** IT if you KEEP IT!

- God promises that we reap **what** we sow not **where** we sow.

### Blessings Find You

Notice the text says that, **“they will pour into your lap!”**

- You don't have a lap until you sit down... so if you are always chasing a blessing and relying on your own talent and ingenuity to make it happen...
  - But when I give and honor God... I can sit back...

# ALMS GIVING

## Alms (are about compassion)

We give alms because we're compassionate towards those who are **facing issues in life**. We **all know you can do everything right, but life still happens**. When you bless people, you can't always announce it.

### Matthew 6:1-4 (NLT)

<sup>1</sup> "Watch out! Don't do your good deeds publicly, to be admired by others, for you will lose the reward from your Father in heaven. <sup>2</sup> When you give to someone in need, don't do as the hypocrites do—blowing trumpets in the synagogues and streets to call attention to their acts of charity! I tell you the truth, they have received all the reward they will ever get. <sup>3</sup> But when you give to someone in need, don't let your left hand know what your right hand is doing. <sup>4</sup> Give your gifts in private, and your Father, who sees everything, will reward you.

### Matthew 6:1-4 (MSG)

<sup>1</sup> "Be especially careful when you are trying to be good so that you don't make a performance out of it. It might be good theater, but the God who made you won't be applauding. <sup>2</sup> "When you do something for someone else, don't call attention to yourself. You've seen them in action, I'm sure—'playactors' I call them—treating prayer meeting and street corner alike as a stage, acting compassionate as long as someone is watching, playing to the crowds. They get applause, true, but that's all they get. <sup>3</sup> When you help someone out, don't think about how it looks. <sup>4</sup> Just do it—quietly and unobtrusively. That is the way your God, who conceived you in love, **working behind the scenes, helps you out**.

This is not **Acts 5** when they came to the altar to give for Church Anniversary or First Fruits. This is not the tithe or your regular offering.

- This is when you give to help people or organizations.  
**Don't take your tithes and help anyone. The tithe belongs to the Lord.**
- Don't give your offering to anyone  
**Offerings are how you receive your harvest to live off of.**

The alms are an extra amount of money set aside for the specific reason of Benevolence that you give out of your personal play money.

## STRUCTURE Your Giving

- 10 - 10 - 80 Rule