

SEQUOIA NOTES

Today's Sequoia @10:10 Message...

Putting God First

With Ryan Dawson, Lead Pastor
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“It is more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35

What are the advantages of giving?

- **Giving increases our intimacy with Jesus because we are ultimately giving to Him.** Matthew 6:21
- **Giving builds our faith in God.** Matthew 6:33
- **Giving develops our character & helps us experience life.** 1 Timothy 6:18-19
- **Giving increases our material blessings.** Proverbs 3:9-10
- **Giving allows us to make eternal investments.** Matthew 6:20

How much should we give?

- Leviticus 27:30
- Malachi 3:8-12

Why did God institute the principle of tithing?

- **Tithing taught the Israelites to put God first.**
- Deuteronomy 14:22-23 “You must set aside a tithe of your crops—one-tenth of all the crops you harvest each year. ²³ Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored—and eat it there in his presence. This applies to your tithes of grain, new wine, olive oil, and the firstborn males of your flocks and herds. Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God.

Big Idea: I will give God my first and best so He can bless the rest.

What is the pattern for grace-giving in the New Testament? 2 Corinthians 8:1-15

Christians should give...

- 1) **Sacrificially.** v. 3
- 2) **Generously.** v. 5 (2 Cor. 9:6)
- 3) **Systematically.** v. 10 (1 Cor. 16:1-3)
- 4) **Proportionately.** v. 11-13
- 5) **Willingly.** v. 12 (2 Cor. 9:5)
- 6) **Cheerfully.** v. 12 (2 Cor. 9:7)

To whom do we give?

- **Family.** 1 Timothy 5:8
- **Local Church.** Galatians 6:6, 1 Timothy 5:17-18
- **Christian workers and ministries.** Acts 11:29-30
- **The Poor.** Galatians 2:10

2 Corinthians 8:5 “...for their first action was to give themselves to the Lord and to us, just as God wanted them to do.”

*The Translation of the Bible Scriptures used in today's 10:10 service
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