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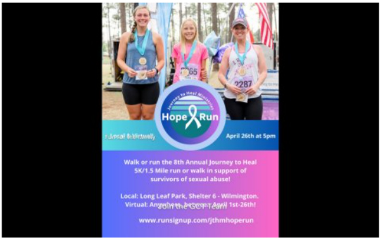
Grace Community Church of Topsail

Sunday, March 8, 2026: God’s Reward in the Discipline of Giving
Matthew 6:1-4



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GCT Women’s Retreat 2026

Ephesians 1:3–12 ESV

> “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.…”

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♫ **Yes And Amen (Ephesians 1)**

♫ **The Heart Of Worship**

Jeremiah 33:8 ESV

> I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me, and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.

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♫ **Hallelujah What A Savior (Your Love Has Rescued Me)**

♫ **Build My Life**

Kingdom Culture
How Heaven Touches Earth
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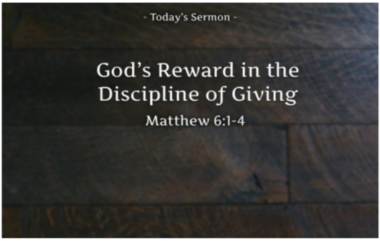

- Today's Sermon -

God's Reward in the Discipline of Giving

Matthew 6:1-4

Matthew 6:21 ESV

> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

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Matthew 6:24 ESV

> "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

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Matthew 5:6 ESV

> "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for

righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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Matthew 5:20 ESV

For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

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James 2:17 ESV

So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.

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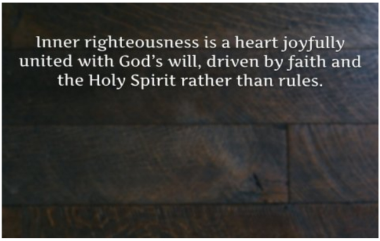
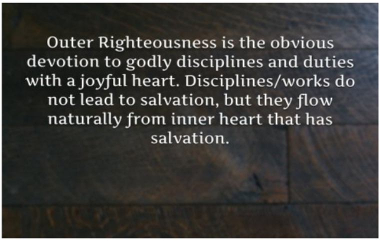


Inner righteousness is a heart joyfully united with God’s will, driven by faith and the Holy Spirit rather than rules.



Outer Righteousness is the obvious devotion to godly disciplines and duties with a joyful heart. Disciplines/works do not lead to salvation, but they flow naturally from inner heart that has salvation.

Matthew 5:14–16 ESV

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they...

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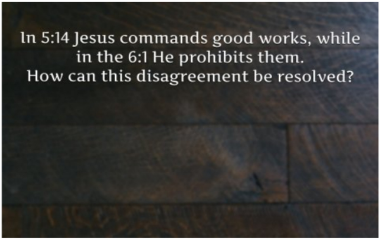
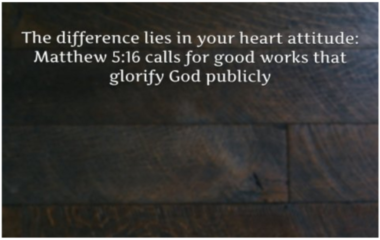
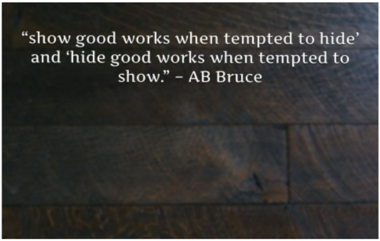


In 5:14 Jesus commands good works, while in the 6:1 He prohibits them.
How can this disagreement be resolved?

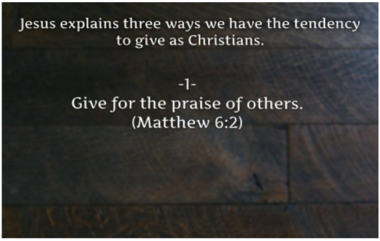


The difference lies in your heart attitude: Matthew 5:16 calls for good works that glorify God publicly

Matthew 6:1 condemns self-glorifying works



“show good works when tempted to hide’ and ‘hide good works when tempted to show.” – AB Bruce



Jesus explains three ways we have the tendency to give as Christians.

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Give for the praise of others.
(Matthew 6:2)

Matthew 6:2 ESV

“Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward.

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Acts 10:1–4 ESV

At Caesarea there was a man named Cornelius, a centurion of what was known as the Italian Cohort, a devout man who feared God with all his household, gave alms generously to the people, and prayed continually to God. About the ninth hour of the day...

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2 Corinthians 9:7 ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

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John 5:44 ESV

How can you believe, when you receive glory from one another and do not seek the glory that comes from the only God?

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John 12:43 ESV

for they loved the glory that comes from man more than the glory that comes from God.

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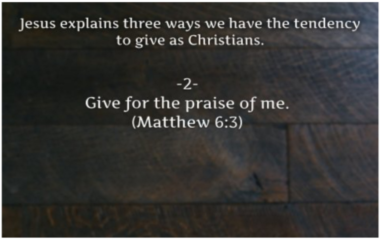
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Give for the praise of me.
(Matthew 6:3)

Matthew 6:3 ESV

But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,

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Acts 4:36–5:4 ESV

Thus Joseph, who was also called by the apostles Barnabas (which means son of encouragement), a Levite, a native of Cyprus, sold a field that belonged to him and brought the money and laid it at the apostles’ feet.

But a man named Ananias,...

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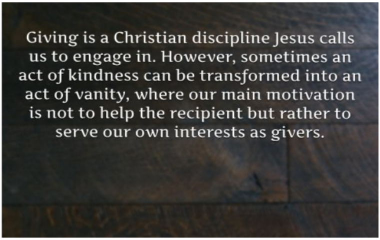
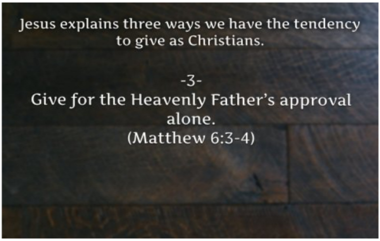

Giving is a Christian discipline Jesus calls us to engage in. However, sometimes an act of kindness can be transformed into an act of vanity, where our main motivation is not to help the recipient but rather to serve our own interests as givers.

Self-sacrifice has been replaced by self-centeredness.



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Give for the Heavenly Father's approval alone.

(Matthew 6:3-4)

Matthew 6:3–4 ESV

> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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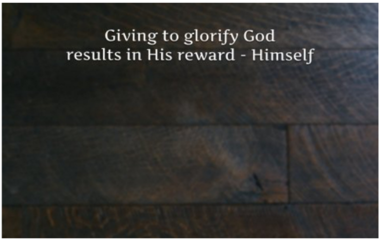

Giving to glorify God
results in His reward - Himself

Matthew 6:6 ESV

> But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

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Hebrews 3:16 ESV

> For who were those who heard and yet rebelled? Was it not all those who left Egypt led by Moses?

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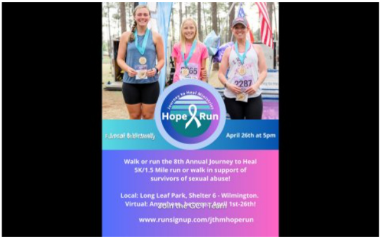
As Long As You Are Glorified



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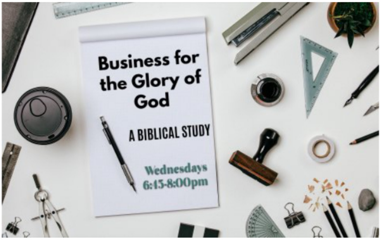

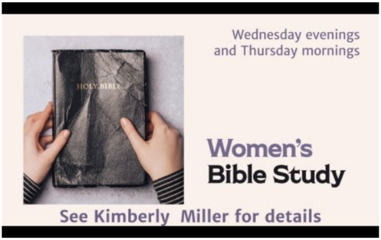

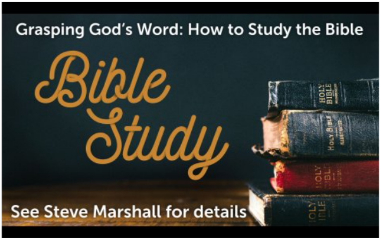

Grasping God's Word: How to Study the Bible

Bible Study

See Steve Marshall for details

Classical Christian School

For details see Evan Head

Nursery

Newborn - Toddlers

"Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Matt. 19:14

10am Volunteer Opportunities

Contact:
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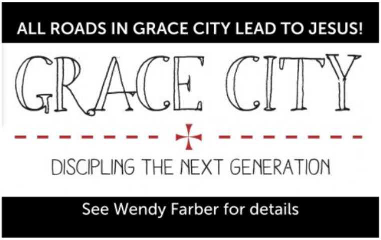

ALL ROADS IN GRACE CITY LEAD TO JESUS!

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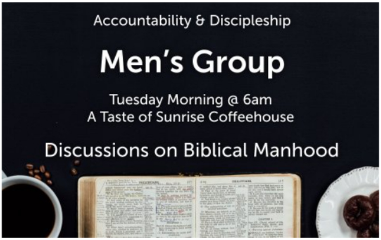
DISCIPLING THE NEXT GENERATION

See Wendy Farber for details

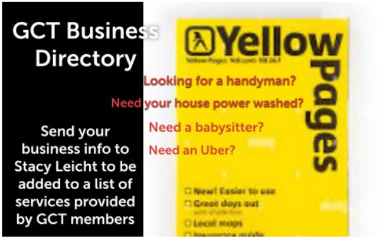


Accountability & Discipleship

Men's Group

Tuesday Morning @ 6am
A Taste of Sunrise Coffeehouse

Discussions on Biblical Manhood



GCT Business Directory

Looking for a handyman?

Need your house power washed?

Need a babysitter?

Need an Uber?

Send your business info to Stacy Leicht to be added to a list of services provided by GCT members

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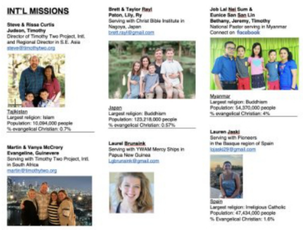

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Tajikistan
Largest religion: Islam
Population: 10,094,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.7%

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Japan
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 123,218,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 0.57%

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Myanmar
Largest religion: Buddhism
Population: 54,370,000 people
% evangelical Christian: 4%

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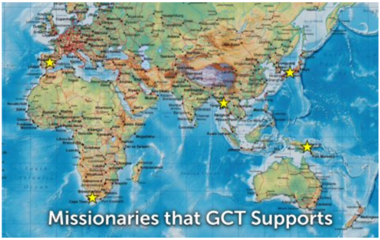
Spain
Largest religion: Irreligious Catholic
Population: 47,434,000 people
% Evangelical Christian: 1.6%



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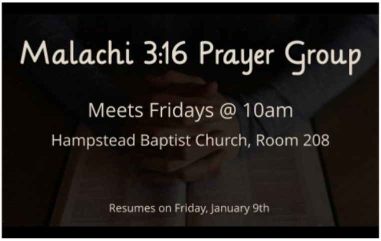
Journey to Heal MINISTRIES

Prayer Before Sunday Morning Worship, meets at 9AM in Media classroom. Open to all!

"Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances." — 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



Malachi 3:16 Prayer Group

Meets Fridays @ 10am

Hampstead Baptist Church, Room 208

Resumes on Friday, January 9th

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