

July 28, 2019
RIGHT ON THE MONEY - Part 4
"Using Money God's Way"

REASONS PEOPLE GIVE

1. Self-Interest

2. Spiritual Gratitude

Psalms 116:12 (NIV): "How can I repay the LORD for all his goodness to me?"

2 Corinthians 5:21 (NLT): "For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ."

3. Spiritual Obedience

Matthew 8:5-10 (NLT): "⁵When Jesus returned to Capernaum, a Roman officer came and pleaded with him, ⁶Lord, my young servant lies in bed, paralyzed and in terrible pain. ⁷Jesus said, 'I will come and heal him.' ⁸But the officer said, 'Lord, I am not worthy to have you come into my home. *Just say the word* from where you are, and my servant will be healed. ⁹I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers....' ¹⁰When Jesus heard this, he was amazed. Turning to those who were following him, he said, 'I tell you the truth, I haven't seen faith like this in all Israel!'" (*emphasis added*)

"Just-Say-the-Word" Followers Practice Three Kinds of Giving:

A. Tithe

Malachi 3:10 (NIV11): "'Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,' says the LORD Almighty, 'and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.'"

B. Freewill Giving

C. Sacrificial Giving

4. Spiritual Vision

1 John 4:14 (ESV): "...the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world."

Psalm 33:22 (NLT): “Let your unfailing love surround us, LORD, for our hope is in you alone.”

When you grow spiritually to the point where you see that the world is hopeless apart from the transforming power and love of Christ, then you ask, “What am I going to do?”

5. Love

John 3:16 (ESV): “For God so loved the world, that he *gave* his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” *(emphasis added)*

2 Corinthians 3:18 (NIV11): “And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord’s glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.”

If we are seeking to be disciples of Jesus, we are seeking to become more and more like him, so that his nature – his *love* – increasingly drives all we do.

When God’s love is unleashed through us, we’ll see powerful changes in this community.

Acts 2:42-47 (NLT): “⁴²All the believers devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching, and to fellowship, and to sharing in meals (including the Lord’s Supper), and to prayer. ⁴³A deep sense of awe came over them all, and the apostles performed many miraculous signs and wonders. ⁴⁴And all the believers met together in one place and shared everything they had. ⁴⁵They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need. ⁴⁶They worshiped together at the Temple each day, met in homes for the Lord’s Supper, and shared their meals with great joy and generosity – ⁴⁷all the while praising God and enjoying the goodwill of all the people. And each day the Lord added to their fellowship those who were being saved.”

On Gateway’s Find It page (www.gateway-community.org/find-it/):

- Information on Dave Ramsey’s Financial Peace University class at Gateway
- 90 Day Tithe Challenge
- Honoring God by My Giving

Get the *Life Journal* Bible Reading Plan at gateway-community.org/Find-it

Follow Randy on Twitter @HagemanRandy

