

STEWARDSHIP & GIVING **Matthew 6:19-21**

Issue #1: Into each life come opportunities for spiritual growth and service, and these opportunities must be recognized and redeemed for God's glory.

Issue #2: The giving Christian is a giver of service and wholehearted devotion—not to a religious system or philosophy, but to a Person.

Issue #3: Every act of service is an expression of worship for Him, a declaration of commitment to His will.

Issue #4: Giving is a heart issue.

Reality #1: Our church family is in financial trouble.

Reality #2: The world has great need!

Reality #3: God can't reward bad behavior.

Reality #4: Teaching on finances is the pastor's, the churches, and the parents responsibility.

WHY DO WE GIVE?

Reason #1: We give because of the Cause (Matthew 28:19-20).

- Jesus Christ is our Cause! I Corinthians 2:2.
- We give because we have life-changing truth.

Reason #2: We give because of our integrity.

Reason #3: We give because of Urbancrest's generosity—mission heart.

Reason #4: We give because of Urbancrest's accountability.

Closing: Prayer of repentance...

- For foolish decisions.
- For willful disobedience.
- For not focusing on the eternal.
- For not giving as an act of worship.
- For not being a generous giver.