

Sermon Notes / Outline

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STEWARDSHIP, Week 4 SACRIFICE

"People who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs."

1 Timothy 6:9-10 (NIV)

Effective Biblical Stewardship is using God-given _____
for God-given _____

OBEDIENCE

When you obey God with your money you experience
God's _____

GENEROUS

Obedience is when you give what is _____,
generosity is when you give _____ than what's
required.

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."
2 Corinthians 9:11 (NIV)

There is a wonderful _____ that comes in
generous giving.

SACRIFICE

"If you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any fellowship with the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and purpose. Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others." Philipians 2:1-4 (NIV)

"Think of yourselves the way Christ Jesus thought of himself. He had equal status with God but didn't think so much of himself that he had to cling to the advantages of that status no matter what. Not at all. When the time came, he set aside the privileges of deity and took on the status of a slave, became human! Having become human, he stayed human. It was an incredibly humbling process. He didn't claim special privileges. Instead, he lived a selfless, obedient life and then died a selfless, obedient death — and the worst kind of death at that: a crucifixion." Philipians 2:5-8 (Msg)

Sacrifice: The surrender or destruction of something prized or desirable for the sake of something considered as having a higher or more pressing claim.

Sacrifice Redefined:

Going without something _____

Taking a _____ from something we enjoy.

Pastor Ron's definition of sacrifice: Giving up something I need or something I must have so someone else can have what they need.

"Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death — even death on a cross!" Philipians 2:5-8 (NIV)

"Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father." Philipians 2:9-11 (NIV)

Principle: God responds to uncommon _____ with uncommon _____

Obedience asks: How much am I _____ to give?

Generosity asks: How much _____ I give?

Sacrifice asks: What can I do _____?
What can I _____?