

Sermon May 26, 2013 **Scriptural Values that Guide Our Use of Money**

Part 1 - Pastor Bert

Making is Necessary... Saving is wise... **Giving is Better...**

But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us see that you also excel in this grace of giving. 2 Cor. 8:7

I. Giving brings _____

...more blessed to give than to receive.” Acts 20:35b

II. Giving is a _____ Issue:

- **Generously & Willingly**
2 Cor 9:5b

III. Giving Builds _____

...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 you will not have room enough for it. Mal. 3:10

IV. Giving is _____

- **Tithes (10%) and Offerings**

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse... Mal. 3:10a

V. Giving is Giving _____ - Expression of Gratitude

Gratitude for what He has _____

I will not take for the LORD what is yours, or sacrifice a burnt offering that costs me nothing. 1 Chr. 21

Gratitude for who He _____ - creator

VI. Giving Allows us to Participate in _____

Here is a boy with 5 small barley loaves and 2 small fish... John 6:9

...The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children. Matt. 14:21

VII. Giving helps Support Ministry _____

- **God Calls Leaders**

The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. 18 For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” 1 Tim. 5:17

VIII. Giving is an investment in _____

- **People Matter**

So I thought it necessary to urge the brothers to visit you in advance and finish the arrangements for the generous gift you had promised. Then it will be ready as a generous gift, not as one grudgingly given. 2 Cor. 9:5

IX. Giving Reflects _____

...offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Rom. 12:1

X. Giving is a Vital Part in _____ the Great Commission

Part of Going is Giving

Therefore go and make disciples... Matt. 28:19