



+

## **LIVING AND GIVING ABUNDANTLY**

Stewardship – Week 2

August 24, 2003

*"But as you abound in everything--in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us--see that you abound in this grace also." 2 Corinthians 8:7*

### **WHY SHOULD I GIVE TO GOD?**

#### **1. TO EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR \_\_\_\_\_ BLESSINGS.**

*"So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver." 2 Corinthians 9:7*

*"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, that you through His poverty might become rich."  
2 Corinthians 8:9*

*"I speak not by commandment, but I am testing the sincerity of your love by the diligence of others." 2 Corinthians 8:8*

#### **2. TO EXAMINE MY MOTIVATION IN THE \_\_\_\_\_**

*"But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you." Matthew 6:33*

*"And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God." 2 Corinthians 8:5*

*"Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?" Luke 16:11*

#### **3. TO ENLARGE OUR EXPECTATIONS OF THE \_\_\_\_\_.**

*"He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." 2 Corinthians 9:6*

*"And whoever gives one of these little ones only a cup of cold water in the name of a disciple, assuredly, I say to you, he shall by no means lose his reward." Matthew 10:42*

*"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house, and try Me now in this," says the LORD of hosts, "If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing that there will not be room enough to receive it."*  
Malachi 3:10

*"Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."* Luke 6:38

### **HOW GIVING OUGHT TO BE DONE**

*"Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given orders to the churches of Galatia, so you must do also: 2On the first day of the week let each one of you lay something aside, storing up as he may prosper, that there be no collections when I come."* 1 Corinthians 16:1-2

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_