

COMMANDS

THE 7 BASIC ~~SUGGESTIONS~~ OF JESUS

Have you ever spent much time thinking about how God views our money? It may seem like an odd question to some, but the Scriptures reveal that God has a lot to say about money and giving. The heart and attitude of the giver are far more important to God than the gift itself. This week, we're going to take a look at several passages that tell us how we should give, as well as some stories of people who gave freely, holding nothing back from the Lord.

READ : MARK 12:41-44; 2 CORINTHIANS 9:6-7

Who, out of all the givers at the temple, does Jesus point out, and why?

Have you ever felt like you could not give, because you didn't have enough? Was this a struggle or were you at peace with a choice not to give?

In contrast, have you ever given to the Lord out of your own poverty? What was the result?

READ : MATTHEW 6:19-21

If you take an objective look at your spending, what does that reveal your highest priorities to be?

Have you stored earthly or heavenly treasure? What will you take into eternity?

Do you ever struggle with the pressure to store up earthly treasure? Why does Jesus advise against this mentality?

*The Bible does not tell us that it is wrong to have earthly treasures. It does, however, indicate that we are merely stewards of the treasure we've been given, and that we should give out of our giftings freely and cheerfully. Hoarding what God has given us does not reflect His character or His will.
(If needed, think more on this or discuss this further if you are with a group)*

READ : 2 SAMUEL 24:21-24

What does this passage tell us about David's heart as he made sacrifices and gifts to God?

How does this apply to our giving in this day and age?

READ : LUKE 6:38

What is the measure by which God gives to us?

What can we learn from this passage about how we should give?

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK:

*Father, thank you for being the giver of good gifts.
Help us to always give joyfully and freely
because of how you have given to us,
and to always remember
that everything we have comes from you.
Amen.*