

Teaching Biblically on Giving

Principles of Biblical Generosity

- **Why are we doing this?**
Our personal motivations as pastors and church leaders
- **Why is this important?**
Biblical calls to sacrificial generosity
- **Why the church vs other non-profits?**
The role of the church to make disciples
- **Why now?**
Spiritual wisdom on the dangers of money

Principles of Biblical Generosity

1. Principle of Expectation
2. Principle of First
3. Principle of Engagement
4. Principle of Leadership
5. Principle of Multiplication
6. Principle of Surrender
7. Principle of Eternal Perspective

1. Principle of Expectation

BIBLICAL:

- Ephesians 3:14-21

PRACTICAL:

- Translatable storytelling
- Believe the best
- The power of ALL
- Verbal cues
 - First-time givers
 - 100% engagement

2. Principle of First

BIBLICAL:

- Colossians 1:15-23
- Genesis 4:2-5

PRACTICAL:

- Who gets paid first?
- Importance of a commitment card
- Priority giving vs. Percentage giving
- Is your giving driving your spending and saving? Or is your spending and saving driving your giving?

3. Principle of Engagement

BIBLICAL:

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-7

PRACTICAL:

- In-progress stories vs. arrival stories
- Concentric circles vs. pyramid
- The challenge with online giving
- Longevity and depth of conversations
- Intentionality of 1:1 meetings

4. Principle of Leadership

BIBLICAL:

- 1 Chronicles 29

PRACTICAL:

- Speed of the leader...
- Staff/Elder families stories and depth set the tone
- What is it we are celebrating?
 - Numbers vs. actions
 - Diversity of engagement paths

5. Principle of Multiplication

BIBLICAL:

- 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

PRACTICAL:

- If you were God, would you give you more money?
- Abundance vs. scarcity: What do we really believe about God's provision?

6. Principle of Surrender

BIBLICAL:

- Luke 18:9-14

PRACTICAL:

- Outputs vs Inputs
- Is my giving still changing me, or has it become comfortable and routine?
- What am I not giving, and why am I not giving it?

7. Principle of Eternal Perspective

BIBLICAL:

- 1 Timothy 6:11-19

PRACTICAL:

- Wealth is a tool, and we are to use it to the glory of God.
- The question isn't are you giving to God 100%; but rather, are you honoring God with 100%?
- Am I viewing this as an earthly resource or an eternal resource?

Stay the course!

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before Him, He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider Him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

Hebrews 12:1-3