

A Practical Plan for Generous Giving God's Plan for Your Finances – Part 3

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Joshua 1:8 (ESV) This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.

2 Corinthians 9:11 (ESV) You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

2 Corinthians 9:10 (ESV) He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness.

1. Think like a godly _____

1 Corinthians 6:19-20 (ESV) Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.

A. Understand that God owns _____

Psalms 50:9-10 (ESV) I will not accept a bull from your house or goats from your folds. For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills.

B. Believe _____ you have comes from God

1 Timothy 6:17 (ESV) As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.

2. Act like a trusted _____

A. Be a _____ giver

1 Timothy 6:18 (ESV) They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share,

B. Be a _____ giver

2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (ESV) Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

C. Be a _____ giver

1 Corinthians 16:2 (ESV) On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he may prosper, so that there will be no collecting when I come.

3. Feel like a precious _____

A. God is _____ you for the future

1 Timothy 6:19 (ESV) thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

B. God will _____ for you

Philippians 4:18-19 (ESV) I have received full payment, and more. I am well supplied, having received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent, a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God. And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.

Action Plan for This Week

Have a daily quiet time of Bible reading & prayer.
 Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun

Sign up for the Financial Peace University (www.lcstl.org/fpu).

How will I obey God's Word this week? _____

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Intro. Why is God's Word so important for the believer (Joshua 1:8)?

Why do you think that many believers have difficulty in studying and applying God's Word to their lives?

Why does God want His children to be generous (2 Corinthians 9:11)?

What does God promise to each believer with regard to their finances in 2 Corinthians 9:10?

1A. Why are you not your own master? As a believer, who owns you? What are the implications of these truths according to 1 Corinthians 6:19-20?

1B. What does it mean to say that God is sovereign (Psalm 50:9-10)?

1C. Where did everything you have come from (1 Timothy 6:17, James 1:17)?

1D. What should the attitude of a servant be regarding their master's possessions?

2A. What are those who have been entrusted resources by God to do with them (1 Timothy 6:18)?

2B. What does a cheerful attitude in giving tell about the giver's heart (2 Corinthians 9:7-8)?

2C. Why is it important to be disciplined in your giving (1 Corinthians 16:2)?

2D. Why does it take faith to give to God first from your income?

3A. How does giving prepare you for the future (1 Timothy 6:19)?

3B. What kind of people does the promise of Philippians 4:19 apply to (Philippians 4:18)?

3C. How would you like to grow in generous giving? What is holding you back from generous giving?