

Questions

1. What illustration, story or scripture had the greatest impact on you this week?
2. Have you ever tithed to a local church over the course of years? If you answered yes, what blessings have you received from tithing? If you answered no, what has held you back?
3. In 2 Thessalonians 3:3, we are reminded about God's faithfulness. What keeps you from obeying God? What steps can you take to be more faithful?
4. In Acts 20:35, Jesus tells us that "It's more blessed to give than to receive." When have you witnessed someone living a lifestyle of generosity and seen God at work?
5. Pastor John says that sporadic giving results in spurts of joy and consistent giving leads to continual joy. Where have you looked elsewhere for joy in life that has left you wanting?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 9:7-11. How would you describe your attitude in giving? When have you been in a tight spot financially, only to see God faithfully bring you out of it?
7. What stood out to you in the "Genius of Generosity" book this past week?

Scripture References

2 Thessalonians 3:3, 2 Chronicles 16:9, Deuteronomy 1:30, Acts 20:35, Proverbs 3:9
1 Corinthians 16:2a, Matthew 23:23b, 2 Corinthians 9:7-8, 10-11, Malachi 3:10,

Takeaways

- For spurts of joy, give sporadically. For continual joy, give consistently.
- Faithful giving returns the first and best to God.
 - Every time you have a financial increase, first return some of it to God.
- Faithful giving is regular and systematic.
 - Schedule your giving based on your income.
- The 10% tithe is a helpful benchmark for faithful giving.
 - Know what percent of your income (before expenses) you are giving to God, so you have a benchmark sense of how faithful you are being.
- Faithful giving often results in God entrusting more to the giver.
- Faithful giving is the one way God invites you to test him.

Weekly Action Step

Determine one distinct step where you can honor God with what you have in a regular and consistent way.