

“Biblical Principles of Faithful Giving” 1/17/10
Sermon Series- “Biblical Foundations of Stewardship”

Steward- someone who manages the resources of another to accomplish the goals of the owner. (Genesis 39:2-4) **REVIEW- From our Failures to Faithfulness**

Contentment- the state of being satisfied with one’s current situation.

Let your conduct be without covetousness... be content with such things as you have.... Heb 13:5

“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.” 1 Cor. 4:2

THE HOWS OF GIVING- Some people don’t know HOW! 50% give nothing! 4% give 10%+

POINT 1- As faithful stewards, we see nine biblical principles of giving in which

God is WELL-PLEASED

READ 2 COR 8:1-4

- A. God is pleased when we give, even in adverse CIRCUMSTANCES
(1 Kings 17:7-16) **What are yours? No Job, health, car probs, depression?**
- B. God is pleased when we give, even in DEEP POVERTY *from abundance; poverty*
(Luke 21:1-4; Mark 12:41-44) Key here is: Sacrifice. Does it hurt?
Standard of living determines Standard of Giving- Should be OPPOSITE
- C. God is pleased when we give GENEROUSLY
“He who has a generous eye will be blessed.” Prov 22:9; 11:25; Mat 6:23)
GENEROSITY is subjective to a MILLIONAIRE or an average person.
- D. God is pleased when we give beyond our ABILITY
(Also, they gave out of their own willingness of heart; 2 Corinthians 8:3)
- E. God is pleased when we give EAGERLY
(Exodus 25:1; 35:4-9; 36:1-7; begging to give; 2 Corinthians 8:12)
- F. God is pleased when we give CHEERFULLY
(2 Corinthians 9:7) **R U excited when U get extra \$\$ TAX REFUNDS**
SATAN HAS STOLEN our JOY in GIVING-
- G. God is pleased when we accept our personal RESPONSIBILITY
(1 Corinthians 16:1-2)
- H. God is pleased when we carefully PLAN our giving.
(How often? What Form? What Place? What Percentage?)

“Honor the LORD with your possessions, And with the firstfruits of all your increase; So your barns will be filled with plenty, And your vats will overflow with new wine.” Proverbs 3:9-10

Would U trust a careless Stockbroker with your money?

- I. God is pleased when we give as He has PROSPERED US

Going God wants you to give sacrificially, generously, and proportionately
Deeper with a cheerful and joyous heart! **HOW MUCH?**

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21