

**“God’s Rewards for Faithful Givers” 1/31/10**  
**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.

**LAST TIME we learned the art of BIBLICAL GIVING- Consistent, Sacr, Cheerful**  
*“Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful.”* 1 Cor. 4:2

**LUKE 17:7-10 READ**

**POINT 1-** The Bible teaches clearly that faithful givers will be REWARDED

**MATTHEW 19:21-30**

**NOT PROSPERITY TEACHING as it is many times ABUSED**

*“And behold, I am coming quickly, and My reward is with Me, to give to every one according to his work.”* Revelation 22:12

- A. Faithful givers will be given an EMOTIONAL reward.  
(Acts 20:35; How do you feel Christmas morning as a parent?) **Giv Stmtnt**
- B. Faithful givers will be given a greater INTIMACY with God.  
(2 Corinthians 9:7; John 14:21; James 4:8; **Matthew 6:21-24**)
- C. Faithful givers will be given great REWARDS in heaven.  
(**Matthew 6:19-20**; 16:27- 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming; Luke 12:33; 18:22-Young Ruler)

**PARABLE OF CHRISTIAN MILLIONAIRE**

*“He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep, to gain what he cannot lose.”*  
Jim Eliot (martyred missionary)

**WHAT about RETIREMENT accounts? LUKE 12:13-21**

- D. Faithful givers will be rewarded according to their GENEROSITY  
(**Luke 6:38**; **2 Corinthians 9:6**; You can’t outgive God)
- E. Faithful givers will be rewarded with financial SUFFICIENCY  
(2 Corinthians 9:8; Phil 4:19; All our needs, not necessarily our wants)
- F. Faithful givers will be rewarded with increased OPPORTUNITY  
(2 Corinthians 9:8)
- G. Faithful givers will be given other kingdom RESPONSIBILITIES  
(Luke 19:11-27- person faithful in \$\$ was made ruler of 10 cities)
- H. Faithful givers realize their rewards after being righteous STEWARDS  
(Right Motives, Right Money Management, Right Expectations)

**Going Deeper** *God wants you to give with a pure, trusting, and expectant heart!*

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

Matthew 6:21

There is a story about a Christian millionaire who was stingy with his money and gave almost nothing to his church in accordance with his prosperity. His poor gardener was also a Christian, but was a generous and faithful giver. The gardener died before the millionaire, but eventually the millionaire also died and arrived in heaven. When he got there, St. Peter showed him the mansion of his gardener, which was large and magnificent. The millionaire said to himself, "Wow, if that's his mansion I can hardly wait to see what's waiting for me." So he asked Peter, "Where is mine?"

Peter took the former millionaire a few blocks away to a lower side of town and when they turned a corner there was a one-room shack with a single tiny window. The stunned millionaire said to Peter, "Good grief, I certainly thought I would have something better than that!" To which Peter replied, "We did the best we could with the proportionate amount that you sent us."