
SERMON OUTLINE

Giving That Honors God

Selected Proverbs

- I. The Motive of Giving: God seeks those who give financially as worship.
- A. Giving to honor God (Proverbs 3:9-10)
- Review: The attitudes of God-focused finances are Stewardship, Trust and Contentment
 - *Honor the Lord* – Giving should be worship.
 - *First fruits* – Giving expresses trust in God.
 - *Filled to overflowing* – God promises to amply provide for those who faithfully give as worship
- New Testament principles of “Grace Giving”**

 - **Giving Voluntarily** – Giving should not be done out of a sense of guilt, duty or coercion. (2 Corinthians 9:7)
 - **Giving Regularly and Proportionately** – Giving should be done according to a personal plan that is regular and proportionate to one’s ability and income. (1 Corinthians 16:2)
 - **Giving Sacrificially** – Sacrificial giving expresses trust that God supply our needs. (2 Corinthians 8:2; 9:8-11)
 - **Giving Privately** – Giving should be private. (Matthew 6:4)
- B. Giving to those in need can also be worship (Proverbs 14:31 19:17).
- II. The Barriers to Giving – Financial giving is hindered by a self-centeredness.
- A. Stinginess (23:6-7; 3:27-28) – Stingy people who always think about the cost are not generous.
- B. Laziness (21:25-26) – The lazy aren’t generous because they also are in need.
- C. Fear (18:10-11) – The fearful aren’t generous, because they don’t want to give up their security.
- D. Sin (21:12-13; 29:7) – Sin keeps people from generosity because they don’t care about others.
- III. Promises of Giving – When we honor God by giving, God takes care of us.
- A. Supplying our needs (3:9-10; 28:27)
- B. Rewarding us in various ways (11:24-25; 19:17; 22:9; 25:21-22)