

Making Change Giving is Good

“Giving is the alternative to spending or hoarding that breaks the back of materialism. The act of giving is a vivid reminder that it’s all about God, not about us.” Randy Alcorn

Acts 20:35 – “You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” NLT

2 Corinthians 9:11 – “You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.” NIV

Proverbs 11:24–25 – “The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped.” The Message

Grow in Generosity:

1. Trust God with the _____.
 - The tithe comes from the Hebrew word MASER and means one-tenth. It is a tenth of whatever we have received.
 - Malachi 3:10 – “Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. ‘Test me in this,’ says the Lord Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it.’”

➤ Luke 11:42 – “Woe to you Pharisees, because you give God a tenth of your mint, rue and all other kinds of garden herbs, but you neglect justice and the love of God. You should have practiced the latter without leaving the former undone.” NIV

➤ When we tithe, it is worship to God, a statement of our _____, and establishing the priority of God in our lives.

2. _____ your generosity.

➤ Isaiah 32:8 – “But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.” NLT

➤ Random generosity is great, but when we plan our generosity we are more consistent in blessing others and opening our lives in a greater way to be blessed.

3. Start being _____ now.

➤ 2 Corinthians 8

➤ 2 Corinthians 9:6–7 – “Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.” NIV

Every time we give we are a blessing to someone else, and we are blessed by God because He uses us to make a difference.

Answers: tithe; trust; Plan; generous