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Becoming Like God ... in Giving

By Joe Chesser

We all want God to be generous with us. We've come to expect it. We've been taught that God loves to give abundantly, "good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over" (Luke 6.38). It's God's nature to give lavishly (Eph. 1.8). It's a part of who He is. "For God so loved the world that he gave ..." (John 3.16). God is generous in all kinds of blessings. He is able to "make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work" (2 Cor. 9.8-emphasis mine). God's nature is to be generous in giving.

And we love to soak it in. We love that Jesus came to give us abundant life (John 10.10). We love that Jesus encouraged us to "Ask, and you will receive" because the Father knows how to give good gifts (Matt. 7.7, 13). We feel confident to pray for more ... more money, more protection, more healing, more forgiveness, more time, more peace, more wisdom ... more blessings of all kinds. That's OK, because God wants to bless us abundantly, and He knows how and when to do so for our good (Rom. 8.28).

But something else God wants us to learn to do, if we haven't done so yet, is to become like Him in our giving. Just like every other trait of God, He wants us to become like Him in generosity (Luke 6.38). God is not stingy, and He does not want us to be reluctant, skimpy givers. "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully" (2 Cor. 9.6). God loves it when we purposefully plan to become a willing and cheerful generous giver (2 Cor. 9.7). In fact, that is something God expects us to

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The presence of Jesus in the gathering of His people is the sweetest blessing we enjoy when we meet. We pray that you will find peace, comfort, and power for living today.

A visitor's card is provided in the book rack, to give us a record of your visit.

<u>SUNDAY</u>		<u>ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY</u>	
Bible Study	10:00 AM	Morning Worship	25
Worship	11:00 AM	Evening Worship	12
Evening	6:00 PM	<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	12
<u>WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY</u>	6:30 PM	Contribution	\$524.00
Fellowship Meal	12:30 PM		
(Every 1 st Sunday)			
Men's Meeting	5:00 PM		
(Last Sunday of every month)			

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TO OUR FRIENDS:

“...The Churches of Christ salute you.” Romans 16:16

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become. God has promised that the more we learn to be generous in our giving like He is, the more He will enable us: “You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God” (2 Cor. 9.11 NIV).

When our giving comes from a heart that loves God and seeks to be like Him in every way possible, God is honored and enables us to do more than we can imagine. How could the Corinthians give “beyond their ability”? The answer is that when they “gave themselves first to the Lord,” the Lord blessed them to give more than they could on their own. Even extreme poverty didn’t prevent them from giving generously, nor did it prevent God from working through them (2 Cor. 8.1-5). Generosity is not a matter of abundance but a matter of a heart trying to be like God.

There is no fear for ourselves in giving generously when we give with the motives of God. There is no reluctance or stinginess when we give with motives of God. There is no selfishness or greed when we give with the motives of God (James 4.2-4). Becoming like God in our giving will only result in multiple blessings, blessings we will cherish now and forever as we lay up treasures in heaven (Matt. 6.19-21). It’s a win-win, no-brainer offer from God. So, examine your giving to see if you have become like God.

Bulletin Gold

GOD’S PLAN FOR MAN

HEAR GOD’S WORD

Heb. 11:6; Rom. 10:17

BELIEVE IN JESUS

Jn. 8:24

REPENT OF SINS

Lk. 13:3; 2 Cor. 7:10

CONFESS JESUS’ NAME

Mt. 10:32-33; Rom. 10:9-10;

Mt. 16:15-16

BE BAPTIZED

Mk. 16:15-16; Mt. 28:18-19; Acts 2:38, 41; Acts 22:16;

Rom. 6:3-4

LIVE FAITHFUL UNTIL DEATH

Mt. 10:22; Rev. 2:10

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The Bible study topic for Wednesday night:

Bible Reading Marathon

Images of the Master

Bible study starts at 6:30 PM.



Just Some Humor

A friend was in front of me coming out of church one day, and the preacher was standing at the door as he always is to shake hands. He grabbed my friend by the hand and pulled him aside.

The Preacher said to him, "You need to join the Army of the Lord!"

My friend replied, "I'm already in the Army of the Lord, Preacher." The preacher questioned, "How come I don't see you except at Christmas and Easter?"

He whispered back. "I'm in the secret service".

Opportunities to Serve

	Today	04/21/19
Welcome	Willie Gore	Lee Shepherd
Song Leader	John Bowling	Willie Gore
Opening Prayer	Albert Sturdivant	John Bowling
Communion	*Tom Walsh	*Albert Sturdivant
	Lee Shepherd	Dick Phillips
	Albert Sturdivant	Lee Shepherd
Scripture Reading	Albert Sturdivant	Tom Walsh
Speaker	Rick Massey	Jim Hobbs
Closing Prayer	Willie Gore	Lee Shepherd
Evening	Jim Hobbs	Devotion/John Bowling
Nursery	Hannah Garner	Carolyn Bowling

The nursery will be open following the communion for children 3 years and under.

Please remember to pray for the sick, lonely, and especially anyone outside Christ.

Health
Ron Thompson Forest Whittaker

Traveling
Means Family

The complete prayer list is on the bulletin board.



The ladies bible class is cancelled until April 23.

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And he said to all, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will save it...”

LUKE 9:23,24