



GIVE

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1. _____ is God's in the first place. He has unlimited resources.

Psalm 50:9-12 Every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. I know all the birds of the hills, and all that moves in the field is mine. "If I were hungry, I would not tell you, for the world and its fullness are mine.

Haggai 2:8 "The silver is mine, and the gold is mine," declares the LORD of hosts.

Psalm 24:1 The earth is LORD's and everything in it, the world and all who live in it.

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2. We don't give because God needs it. We give because we _____ to.

1 TIMOTHY 6:17-19

3. One of God's goals is to _____ from the love of this physical existence.

Matthew 6:19-21 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

4. _____ = 1/10th or 10%.

Genesis 14:20 "And Abraham gave him a tenth of everything."

5. Generosity is an act of _____, not bribery.

Malachi 3:10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

6. Everything we have is a _____ from God.

Genesis 28:22 "And of all that you give me I will give a full tenth to you."

Deuteronomy 8:18 "You shall remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth."

7. Generosity has to be an act of _____.

DIGGING DEEPER

1. In what ways have you encouraged someone toward love & good works lately (remember part of the reason you're here? Hebrews 10:24-25)?
2. Have you ever heard/been taught that "God needs your money" or something like it. Talk about that.
3. Read Psalm 50:7-15 and discuss it. What does it teach us about God?
4. Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:7. How does this compare to the Old Testament law to give 10%?
5. Why do we need to be generous? (1 Tim 6:18-19)
6. How does the Timothy passage above relate to Matt. 6:19-21.
7. Have you ever been taught that "getting" is your motivation for "giving?" (Malachi 3:10). Is there anything wrong with that teaching?
8. How has God given you good gifts? (Deut. 8:18)



Thanks for gathering with us today!
*I hope God is using this series
to deepen our faith and our love for the local church.*