

Practical Faith

MESSAGE SUMMARY

This week we will focus on the practical implications of living a generous life. Just like spiritual gifts, financial resources are intended to pass through us and into the world.

ENGAGING THE WORD

What are some things that stood out to you in the sermon? Things you specifically related to? Things you didn't understand? Any new insight you are taking away?

READ THE FOLLOWING VERSES:

To save time you may want to have a different person look up each verse and read it aloud for the group.

- 1 John 3:16-18
- Matthew 6:19-21
- Matthew 10:7-8
- 1 Corinthians 9:6-8, 10-15

- What do these verses have in common?
- Based on the sermon and on these verses, what do you learn about generosity?
- Re-read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 10-15. According to this passage, what are some motivations for giving and generosity?

ENGAGING THE HEART

- Matthew 6:21 says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." What does this mean? What are some ways this can be lived out well? What are some ways it can be lived out poorly?
- In the Matthew 10 passage, as Jesus sends his disciples to proclaim the message of the kingdom, one of his instructions is "Freely you have received; freely give." (Generosity). Why, do you think, this is a trait that Jesus would emphasize for those spreading the Word? How does that apply to our generosity and finances?
- Compare and contrast the ideas of "giving" and "generosity". Why is it important to have both traits in your life?
- List some ways you have seen God being generous to you.

ENGAGING OUR WORLD

Dave has issued a challenge based on Malachi 3:10-12 and Luke 6:38. Parkview has two upcoming opportunities to help you take that challenge and move toward a pattern of Biblical giving and generosity.

The first is the 90 Day Giving Challenge. Dave has challenged you to "test" God with your finances for 90 Days and look for ways that this practice impacts your relationship with God.

The second is the Budget Boot Camp on November 3, 2018. 9:30am-12:30pm. If your budgeting could use some help or if you are looking to find margin in your budget to be more generous, then the Budget Boot Camp is for you. Check the Parkview App or Website for more information.

PRAYER

Close your time together in prayer. Allow some time of silence at the beginning of your prayer time. Encourage those in your LifeGroup to reflect on the state of their generosity, specifically when it comes to their finances. As you close, ask God to continue to develop a passion for generosity in us.

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