

KINGDOM GIVING THE HEART OF THE MATTER

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Sermon Outline Notes

Then, looking at him, Jesus loved him and said to him, “You lack one thing: Go, sell all you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come follow Me.”²² But he was stunned at this demand, and he went away grieving, because he had many possessions. Mark 10:17-22 HCSB

Giving IS THE HEART OF THE KINGDOM

I. Hebrews 13:15-16

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that confess his name. ¹⁶ And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.”

We give because WE DESIRE TO BE LIKE JESUS

“And if anyone gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is my disciple I tell you the truth, he will certainly not lose his reward.” Matthew 10:42

II. Proverbs 23:6-7 NCV

“Don’t eat the food of selfish people; don’t be greedy for their fine foods.⁷ Selfish people are always worrying about how much the food costs. They tell you, “Eat and drink,” but they don’t really mean it.”

We don’t give because WE’RE FOCUSED ON OURSELVES

Then He said to them, “If anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me.” Luke 9:23

III. 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 out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.”

We give by BEING GENEROUS WITH OUR FINANCES

“Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.” 2 Corinthians 9:7

IV. 1 Peter 4:10 ESV

As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.

We give by USING OUR TIME & TALENTS TO SERVE OTHERS

For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do. Ephesians 2:10

V. Philippians 4:19

“And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.”

We give by ENCOURAGING OTHERS WITH OUR WORDS & FAITHFUL EXAMPLE

I remain confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. Psalm 27:13-14