

Faith Matters 6- Money Matters

Most of us are one difficult conversation away from healthy and lasting growth.

People can be incredibly obedient in terms of personal Biblical morality but be equally disobedient when it comes to giving.

The first New Testament guideline for giving is; *2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, 1 Corinthians 16:2*

Observation 1. *People in the church who don't give typically complain about giving and people who do give rarely complain about anything.*

8 "Will a mere mortal rob God? Yet you rob me. "But you ask, 'How are we robbing you?' "In tithes and offerings. 9 You are under a curse—your whole nation—because you are robbing me. 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 there will not be room enough to store it. Malachi 3:8-10

6 But now, by dying to what once bound us, we have been released from the law so that we serve in the new way of the Spirit, and not in the old way of the written code. Romans 7:6

The second New Testament guideline for giving is;

6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Observation #2. *I have never met with a person or couple that are experiencing money problems who regularly give to the church.*

The law limits our giving while grace gives us the opportunity to be far more generous than the law could ever require.

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Our giving may be the greatest indicator of our faith in God.

You have a hold on money, money does not have a hold on you.