



SERMON NOTES

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Sermon Series • Sep. 27 • Oct. 11

Week 1 (September 27): "A Lifestyle of Generosity"
Psalm 24:1; Genesis 1:28, Genesis 28:20-22; Leviticus 25:23; 1 Timothy 6:17-18; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10

I. Theological Foundation for a Generous Life

- A. Life is a gift and everything belongs to _____.
- B. Beginning in the Old Testament, God's people observed the practice of giving some _____ of what they had to God.
- C. We are to _____ a portion of our blessings with others.

II. Competing Voices

- A. The voice of _____ keeps us from being generous.
- B. The voice of _____ keeps us from being generous.

III. Benefits of Generosity

- A. When we are generous it _____ God.
- B. When we are generous it changes our _____.
- C. When we are generous we find the _____ of God.

Things I Would Like to Remember About This Message

ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE

INTRODUCTION

Most people get uncomfortable when a pastor talks about money and finances. Some people even believe that all a church wants is your money. So why does a church have to talk about money at all? Shouldn't the church talk about the Bible? If that's how you feel then it may surprise you to know that Jesus talked more about money and wealth than he did about heaven. But Jesus didn't talk about money because he wants your money; Jesus talked about money because he wants something for you. So, what does Jesus want for us when it comes to money?

Monday: Acts 20:35

Is it difficult for you to believe that happiness is ordered around giving rather than receiving? Why or why not? What are some reasons we hesitate to give to those in need even though we have more than we need? Why do you think so few people are truly generous?

Tuesday: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15, 18-20

The writer of Ecclesiastes had watched human life closely and carefully. In verse 10, he noted the painful irony that "the money lover isn't satisfied with money." Verse 15 stated more poetically the same truth as the English phrase "you can't take it with you." Perhaps most important, he found that true joy and satisfaction in life come as God's gift to us (verses 19-20). What lessons about love of money and wealth have you learned in life?

Wednesday: Matthew 20:1-15

In Jesus' startling story, Jesus said that the master (God) asked pointedly, "Are you resentful because I'm generous?" Does the master's way of paying the workers in this story feel a little unfair to you? How has God's generosity affected your own generosity?

Thursday: Matthew 6:25-34

The word that is most associated with the term money and finance for the average American is this word worry. Jesus understood human behavior and told his followers not to worry about material things of this world. How would your life be different if you were able to quit worrying about not having enough money or the money you have being taken away? How would that change your financial decision-making?

Friday: 1 Timothy 6:17-18

The writer of 1 Timothy tells the apostle Paul's protégé Timothy that those who are rich should be generous and willing to share. How would you define who is "rich?" Do you think you are rich? Do you tend to think of Christians and the church as being generous? Why or why not?

MOVING FORWARD

The central theological foundation for generosity is that life is a gift, and everything belongs to God. Beginning in the Old Testament, God's people observed the practice of giving some portion of what they had to God. And scripture makes it clear that we are to share a portion of our blessings with those in need. As Jesus followers, we are called to a lifestyle of generosity. And when we are generous it pleases God and changes our heart. When we give, it changes the lives of others and it transforms our lives. So, what is your giving plan for the upcoming year?

*Answers to the sermon notes: IA) God, B) portion, C) share. IIA) fear, B) pleasure.
IIIA) pleases, B) hearts, C) blessings.*

90 Day Bible Reading Challenge

"Key Themes" Bible Reading Plan

The 'key theme' for this week's scripture passage is 'Faith.' Read the applicable scripture passage for each day below using the 'SOAP' method of reading scripture.

Scripture - First read the scripture passage.

Observation - Think about what you just read and find one thing you think God wanted you to hear that's relevant to your life and write it down.

Application - Think about what you need to do differently as a result of what you just read and write it down.

Pray - Pray about what you just read.

Week of September 27, 2020

Monday: Psalm 116

Tuesday: Romans 3

Wednesday: Romans 4

Thursday: Galatians 3

Friday: Hebrews 11

Full Key Themes Plan

	Topic	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
July 13 - July 17	<i>Grace</i>	Ephesians 1	1 Timothy 1	2 Timothy 1	1 Peter 1	1 Peter 5
July 20 - July 24	<i>Judgment</i>	Psalm 9	Isaiah 5	Matthew 23	1 Corinthians 3	1 John 4
July 27 - July 31	<i>Love</i>	Psalm 136	John 15	1 Corinthians 13	1 John 2	1 John 3
Aug 3 - Aug 7	<i>Blood</i>	Leviticus 4	Luke 22	Romans 5	Hebrews 9	Revelation 1
Aug 10 - Aug 14	<i>God's Name</i>	1 Kings 8	Psalm 113	Isaiah 48	Ezekiel 20	Philippians 2
Aug 17 - Aug 21	<i>Prayer</i>	Psalm 102	Matthew 6	Daniel 9	Luke 18	Revelation 8
Aug 24 - Aug 28	<i>Care for Needy</i>	Leviticus 25	Psalm 10	Psalm 82	2 Corinthians 9	1 Timothy 5
Aug 31 - Sept 4	<i>Worship</i>	Psalm 29	Psalm 100	1 Corinthians 14	1 Timothy 2	Revelation 4
Sept 7 - Sept 11	<i>One Another</i>	John 13	Romans 13	Romans 15	1 Peter 3	1 John 1
Sept 14 - Sept 18	<i>Obedience</i>	Deuteronomy 30	1 Samuel 15	Jeremiah 35	Acts 5	1 Peter 4
Sept 21 - Sept 25	<i>Forgiveness</i>	Psalm 25	Psalm 32	Luke 6	Acts 10	Colossians 2
Sept 28 - Oct 2	<i>Faith</i>	Psalm 116	Romans 3	Romans 4	Galatians 3	Hebrews 11
Oct 5 - Oct 9	<i>Believe</i>	John 6	John 11	John 12	John 20	Romans 10

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