Giving It Away How Much Should We Give Away?

Wyatt Martin // January 19, 2025 Mark 12:41-44

Big Idea: Jesus's measure of generosity is sacrifice, not scale.

Matthew 6:21

Mark 12:41-44

How much are we supposed to give away?

What is the tithe?

Genesis 28:20

The Three Tithes of the OT

- 1. The Levitical Tithe (Numbers 18)
- 2. The Tithe of Feasts (Deuteronomy 14)
- 3. The Tithe for the Poor (Deuteronomy 14)

Are we supposed to tithe today?

- 1 Corinthians 9:13-14
- 2 Samuel 24:24

What does sacrificial giving look like for us?

How do we put this into practice?

- 1. Assess what God has given you and where it's going.
- 2. Sacrificially give back to God what's his.

2 Corinthians 8:9

Message Questions

No one likes to talk about money in church. Except for Jesus, that is. He liked to talk about money quite a bit. And it's because he knows something—how we think about our money and what we choose to do with it will have a massive impact on our spiritual well-being. In Jesus' words, "Where your money is, your heart is also." So, if Jesus thinks money is important, maybe we should too. In this series, we'll see the way that Jesus is inviting us to more life, more goodness, and more abundance as we have open hands with what he has given us. Because Jesus shows us that the only way money can make you happy is by *Giving It Away*.

Use these questions to discuss the message from Sunday, focusing on how you can **grow** as an everyday follower of Jesus and how you can **go** accomplish what Jesus calls you to do.

1. Have someone read **Mark 12:41-44**. Jesus commends the widow for her sacrificial giving even though her gift was small. What does this story teach us about how God measures generosity? How does it challenge our view of giving?

2. Have someone read **2 Samuel 24:24**. David insists on offering a sacrifice that costs him something. How does this principle apply to our financial giving today? Share a time when giving sacrificially deepened your trust in God.

3. **2 Corinthians 8:9** reminds us of Jesus' ultimate sacrifice for our sake. How can reflecting on his generosity help you **grow** in your own practice of sacrificial giving? What steps can you take to align your heart more closely with Jesus in this area?

4. Jesus's measure of generosity is sacrifice, not scale. Who in your life might be encouraged by your story of God's provision through sacrificial giving? How can you go and share this message of hope and trust with them this week?

5. Over the past few weeks, we've explored the themes of generosity, sacrificial giving, and trusting God with our finances. Looking back on this series, what is one key truth or practice that has challenged or encouraged you the most? How do you feel God is calling you to live differently as a result of what you've learned?



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