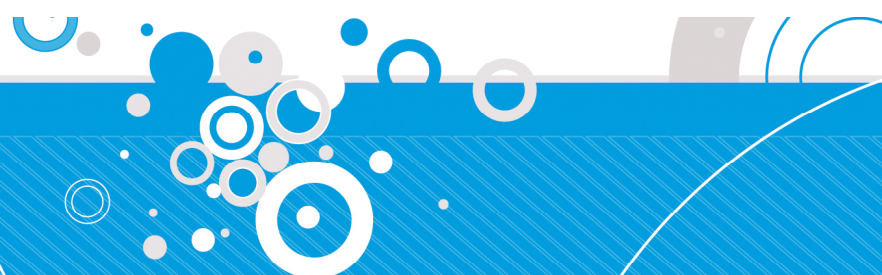


OUTRAGEOUS GIVING



“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 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 9:6-7 (NIV)

Why is it so important to learn how to handle money God’s way? Is it simply to build up a big pile of cash for us to enjoy? Not at all. There’s nothing wrong with having some “stuff,” but that’s not what it’s all about. Our need to understand God’s plan for our money goes far beyond our own cars, toys and gadgets. We are made in God’s image. We are supposed to look like Him, and He’s a giver. If you’re really serious about wanting to be more like Him, you can’t just learn how to save money. You’ve got to learn how to give it away. And what you might be surprised to find out is that giving it away can be a lot of fun!

Discussion Questions:

Are you surprised by the statistics on church giving?

What does it mean to “give reluctantly”? Have you ever done that?

What impact does giving make on the church? The world? The giver?

Even if you don’t have much money, what are some ways you can “sow generously” by giving to others?

How can we truly be “cheerful givers”? What would that look like in your life?
