



Becoming an Excited and Extravagant Giver

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2 Corinthians 9:6-8

What I Believe About Christians and the Issue of Giving:

- A. It is the most difficult and tormenting issue in the Christian experience for most people.
- B. The reason the issue is so difficult isn't because people don't want to give—it's because they do want to, but there is a conflict between their heart's desires and their head's understanding.

Four Levels of Christian Response in Giving

- 1. Shock and Disgust
- 2. Grudging Obligation at a Minimum Level
- 3. Committed Giving at a Level of Obedience to God
- 4. Extravagant, Excited Giving

The Three Keys to Becoming an Excited, Extravagant Giver

- 1. By understanding the living nature of money.
- 2. By understanding the loving nature of God.
- 3. By understanding the lying nature of mammon.

Key #1 – Understanding the Living Nature of Money

2 Corinthians 9:10–11; Proverbs 3:9–10; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10–12

Key #2 – Understanding the Loving Nature of God

Truth #1 – God is a loving Father to all of us beyond anything we could possibly understand.

Truth #2 – Giving and trusting God in financial issues is the #1 thing that allows God to express His fatherly love to us.

Hebrews 13:5–6; 1 John 2:15–16; Romans 8:15–17

Key #3 – Understanding the Lying Nature of Mammon

Matthew 6:19–21

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- a) Giving disconnects us from the world and connects our hearts to God!
 - b) Giving reveals where our trust is—in God or in money.
 - c) Giving breaks a spirit of mammon off of us and the deception that is with it.
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Matthew 6:24–26

What is the Holy Spirit saying to me through this message?

Scripture is from the New King James version of the Bible.