

“Giving: The Christian Way”

Mark 12:41-44

- I) Abide: *Every member possessing a thriving prayer life and a rich bible devotional life*
- II) Follow: *Every member a Spirit-led worshipper and practitioner*
- III) Go: *Every member participating in a short term mission trip & thereafter actively supporting local and extra local mission endeavors*
- IV) Tell: *Every member sharing the gospel 1x each year.*
- V) Serve: *Every member serving on a ministry team at SGCC.*
- VI) Give: *Every member generously & cheerfully laying up treasure in heaven.*

I. Widow & 2 Copper Coins Mark 12:41-44

A) OT Temple

Deuteronomy 12:10-11

B) A Way to live

Jesus was demonstrating how He wanted His disciples to _____.

- 1) Not the Amount but the _____ of Giving
- 2) Gift Represented Total _____ to God
- 3) Life of Faith

II. Why Should I be a Giver?

A) God is a Giver / It images God

Joshua 1:11; 1 Kings 4:29; Exodus 1:21; Deuteronomy 9:10; 1 Corinthians 4:7
God gave His _____! John 3:16

B) God is Worth it

Matthew 10:42

C) It Expresses Faith

D) You lay up Treasure in Heaven

Is it wrong to be motivated by reward? ➔ Philippians 4:17

Reward is _____ Idea!

- a) Way you live [Luke 6:35; Matthew 6:6, 19-20]
- b) Way you give [Matthew 6:3-4]

E) You Experience Joy

F) You Become More Like Christ

** Recognizing God’s Grace makes you _____ to be a giver
2 Corinthians 9:7 ➔ 2 Corinthians 9:15

Quotes

“I have tried to keep things in my hands and lost them all, but what I have given into God's hands I still possess.” Martin Luther

“Gaze upon Christ long enough, and you'll become more of a giver. Give long enough, and you'll become more like Christ.” Randy Alcorn

Our Ten Values



John 15:4-5