

Discipleship: The Love Language of God

Money Talks 2 Corinthians 8

1. As revealed throughout _____
 - A. A _____ of everything belongs to the Lord (Leviticus 27:30)
 - B. Will a man _____ God? (Malachi 3:8)
 - C. You cannot serve both God and _____ (Matthew 6:24)
 - D. The love of _____ is the root of all kinds of evil (1 Timothy 6:10)

2. As revealed in our _____
 - A. When we make a “_____” to the church
 - B. When “_____” is a synonym for “tithing”
 - C. When we substitute “_____” for “tithing”

3. As revealing of our _____
 - A. The mature disciple eliminates _____ (2 Cor 8:1-5)
 - B. The mature disciple _____ (2 Cor 8:6-15)
 - C. The mature disciple knows that _____ (2 Cor 8:16-24)

Conclusions

1. Stewardship means _____, not _____.
2. Total surrender to _____ is the key to _____.

Connect Group Study Guide

3.30.14

1. Think back through all the things you have spent money on in your lifetime. What thing(s) do you most regret? How much was it? (Tabulate group findings.)
2. Exploring the context of the four Scriptures mentioned, what does God say about money? What is something new that's been revealed to you through studying these passages? Can you think of other Scripture?
3. Did you relate to the examples of semantics? When have you played word games to avoid responsibility for other areas of life? What are some other words that people use to avoid the specifics about giving 10%?

Read 2 Corinthians: 8

4. What's the number one reason people give for not giving at least 10%? After reading about the Macedonians in verses 1-5, how did their situation affect their spiritual responsibility in stewardship? What principle(s) has/have their example taught you?
5. Which verse is clearest regarding percentage giving? How does that make it fair for everyone given different life circumstances? Where do we get the 10% from? What does spiritual responsibility have to do with the other 90%? What do you think God expect?
6. According to verses 16-24, what action *proves* our love to God? Why? (If possible, give testimony.)
7. Can you be a mature believer and *not* give back at least 10%? What is the one thing that will make it possible for any believer to be faithful in their stewardship?