

Revival: Sacrificial Giving

Reflect

- Is it ever difficult to give? Why or why not?
- Has anyone ever given something to you? What was it? How did it make you/them feel?
- Have you ever given something to someone else? What was it? How did it make you/them feel?

Read Your Bible

- Acts 2:42-47
- Luke 21:1-4

Apply God's Word to Your Life

1. What is one item you own that would be difficult to give away? Why?
2. Given the passage in Acts, what appeared to be the primary practices of the early church?
3. Why do you think believers in the early church gave to those in need? What was the incentive?
4. What does the act of giving do for the human soul?
5. Does God need our money? Why or why not?
6. Depending on your answer to question #5, why does He desire us to be givers?
7. Why do you think Jesus saw the amount the widow gave as more than the amount that the rich gave?
8. Write down a list of ten ways you can give to those around you? Discuss your list with your small group.
9. What do you think the world would look like if everyone exuded generosity?

Conclusion

The simple truth is, God does *not* need our money. This may sound interesting to many of us who have grown up in church where there is an offering every week. But when you think about it, the money we all

have is not really ours in the first place. We were not born into the world with it, and we will not leave with it. Our money belongs to God and is to be used for His purposes. We are called to be sacrificial givers as followers and disciples of Jesus Christ. In giving, we show that our treasure is not in this world but is in the next. Jesus gave everything for us when He died on the Cross. Will we give everything for Him?

Pray

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your Son Jesus Christ who gave everything for us when He died upon that Cross. Who gave everything for me when He died upon that Cross. Without His sacrifice, my life would be utterly desolate and ultimately end in destruction. But because He died and was raised to life after three days in the tomb, we have been given new life in Him. Allow the life that I live, O Lord, to be for You and for Your name's sake. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.