



The Generosity Test

Announcements

101 Starting Point – Sunday, November 2nd at 5:00pm at all campuses. Whether you're new or have been coming for a while, this is your place to meet some of our pastors, learn who we are and what we believe. A casual dinner will be provided!

201 Dream Team Orientation – Sunday November 9th at 5:00pm at all campuses. 201 Dream Team Orientation is the second step in Pathway and your place to learn more about how you are wired and where you can serve at Church of the King.

Warm-up

What is the most bizarre purchase you have ever made? If you could go back in time would you make the same purchase again? Why or why not?

Word and Application

Read Luke 16:10-11. Jesus instructs us that if we are good stewards of worldly wealth, then God will trust us with true riches. If someone were to look at your checkbook today, what would they learn about your priorities based upon how you spend your money? Do you think your priorities align with God's?

The reason God is so interested in how we handle our money is because he knows the number one competitor for our hearts is usually our money.

Read Matthew 6:24 and Ecclesiastes 5:10. These verses show us that we cannot serve both God and money, and that there is no satisfaction in the love of money.

Describe a time in your life where you placed your trust in money and not in God. How did the situation ultimately turn out? What did you learn from this experience?

Read Leviticus 27:30, Malachi 3:8-9. These verses emphasize the importance of giving the tithe to God and returning to God what is His. In these verses we learn tithing:

- 1) Provides for God's work through His church (Malachi 3:10)
- 2) Increases our faith in God (Malachi 3:10)
- 3) Teaches us to put God first (Proverbs 3:9-10)

What does tithing currently look like in your own life? Is it something you do well or is it something you struggle with?

How have you seen your life blessed because you have put God first (in finances, relationships, etc.)? How have you seen others blessed because of your desire to honor God first?

Read Proverbs 3:9-10. These verses instruct us to give to God His tithe **first** rather than waiting to give it last. It requires faith to give first. If you give last, it doesn't require faith. Describe a time when you gave first. What blessings resulted from your act of faith?

If you have not stepped out in faith and put God first in your finances by giving tithes then begin to seek God for the strength to walk in obedience in this area. This can be a challenging step of faith, but God wants to bless you when you walk in obedience.

What is God speaking to you through this week's discussion?

Prayer

Thank God for the blessings He has given you as a result of giving back to Him through your tithe. Pray and ask God to bless others through your tithe. Ask God to help you walk in faith and obedience in the different areas of your life that are challenging to you right now.