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Love the Lord with all your Wealth 2 Corinthians 9:5-15 Guest Speaker Lance Terrill

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Using This Study

1 EXAMINE His Word

What does God SAY? Open your time with prayer. The words God uses to communicate matters, so go back and pay close attention to the details that are emphasized or repeated in the passage.

2 EXPLORE His Word

What does God MEAN? Asking questions of the text helps surface how the details relate to the message God wants to communicate.

3 EMBRACE His Word

Why does it MATTER to me? Embrace God by responding to what you discover in His word in faith and obedience.



We live in a material world, although the Bible instructs us to set our mind on spiritual things instead. So what does it look like for a follower of Christ to use the material wealth that we have been given in a way that is righteous? Today we will be exploring how God views our stewardship of financial wealth, and we will discuss what this looks like in 21st Century America.



MATTHEW 6:19-20

DO NOT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES ON EARTH, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DESTROY, AND THIEVES BREAK IN AND STEAL. BUT STORE UP FOR YOURSELVES TREASURES IN HEAVEN, WHERE MOTH AND RUST DO NOT CORRUPT AND THIEVES DO NOT BREAK IN AND STEAL.

FOR WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS,
THERE YOUR HEART WILL BE ALSO.

2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (NET Bible)

⁶My point is this: The person who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the person who sows generously will also reap generously. ⁷Each one of you should give just as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, because God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸And God is able to make all grace overflow to you so that because you have enough of everything in every way at all times, you will overflow in every good work. ⁹Just as it is written, "***He has scattered widely, he has given to the poor; his righteousness remains forever.***"

¹⁰Now God who provides seed for the sower and bread for food will provide and multiply your supply of seed and will cause the harvest of your righteousness to grow. ¹¹You will be enriched in every way so that you may be generous on every occasion, which is producing through us thanksgiving to God, ¹²because the service of this ministry is not only providing for the needs of the saints but is also

overflowing with many thanks to God. ¹³Through the evidence of this service they will glorify God because of your obedience to your confession in the gospel of Christ and the generosity of your sharing with them and with everyone. ¹⁴And in their prayers on your behalf they long for you because of the extraordinary grace God has shown to you. ¹⁵Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

🕒 EXAMINE His Word (Observation) (For personal preparation)

What does God SAY? Prayerfully note significant details and terms emphasized in the foregoing passage.

1. Who is involved in the text? Author, audience, main characters.

2. Where and when is this taking place? Geography and timeline.

3. What actions are carried out or commanded? Look for the verbs.

4. Is there anything repeated?

5. What is emphasized?

6. Is there anything in these passages that is related to other areas of scripture?

7. Are there things to be noted that are alike or unlike such as similes and metaphors?

🕒 EXPLORE His Word (Interpretation) (For Community Group discussion)
What does God MEAN?

8. How are we supposed to give from our material wealth? What should be the attitude in our hearts?

9. How does God enable giving?

10. What are the material and spiritual results of giving?

11. How does giving impact our credibility as believers in the gospel of Christ?

12. What is the “indescribable gift” that is mentioned in verse 15?

③ **EMBRACE His Word (Application)** (For Community Group discussion)

Why does this MATTER to me?

13. If a new believer in Christ asked you how much money to give out of the resources with which God has entrusted them, what would you say?

14. From this passage, we know that God wants us to give cheerfully. How can we cultivate this attitude in ourselves and in the church body as a whole?

15. Extra credit: A popular Christian songwriter laments in a song that he doesn't "give until it hurts." Based on this passage and others, do you think that God wants us to give until we feel a level of discomfort? Why or why not?

Summarize your thoughts on the passage

Write about what God wants you to KNOW, to FEEL, and to DO...

SERMON NOTES