

THE MONEY TRAP

Generous Worship

Avoiding the money trap:

1. Everything belongs to God.
2. God has entrusted me with His money as a tool for His Kingdom.
3. He wants to provide for not just my needs, but everyone's needs.
4. God expects me to be purposeful with what I have.

We love to be a part of something _____.

God calls us to give _____...

- To the _____.
- To God's _____.

Scripture: 1 Chronicles 29:1-9

Two things are happening:

- David is handing over the kingdom of Israel to Solomon.
- David is making sure the Temple project gets underway. (Solomon didn't have the political capital)

Why we give generously to the church:

1. Giving brings glory to _____. (vss 1-2)
 - We need to check our _____. (Mt. 6:1-4)
 - David's question, "Who is willing to consecrate _____ to the Lord?" (vs 5)
2. Giving generously results in _____.
 - The Temple was _____ because it was a symbol of the greatness of God.
 - Worship must come _____.
3. Giving generously is motivated by and results in _____! (vs. 6, 9)

We're building something more significant than the Temple, we're building the _____!

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Tell about a time you've accomplished something "big" with a group of people. What did you sacrifice? How did you feel when it was accomplished?
2. Have you ever wondered why offering is part of worship service? Has it ever seemed disconnected from worship for you? How was it explained to you?
3. An opportunity for self-disclosure: Has your attitude toward giving always been that of worship? Why or why not?
4. Is your natural tendency to want to give more to the church or to people in need?
5. Why are both forms of giving needed?
6. Why is it essential that giving "to God" (worship) comes before giving to the poor?
7. How would you have reacted if you had been in the room when the woman poured expensive perfume over Jesus' head?
8. How is your response different when you see the amount of gold and silver, etc. that was given toward the building of the Temple?
9. Do you believe a church building should be "extravagant?" Why or why not?
10. How is giving or money or possessions like giving ourselves (or "consecrating" ourselves)? (see 1 Chronicles 29:5)
11. How does generous giving result in humility?
12. How does generous giving result in joy?