



## To Give Ourselves

“We are the family of God CALLED and empowered by God to give ourselves for the glory of God and the good of the work.”

### A consumerist society:

- People buy things, not for their \_\_\_\_\_, but for \_\_\_\_\_ or status.
- People buy things for fun and \_\_\_\_\_.
- It creates a deep \_\_\_\_\_ for possessions.

It caters to our expectation that \_\_\_\_\_ should fulfill our wants and wishes.

There has always been an impulse for people to think about faith in terms of how it will \_\_\_\_\_ me.

**Scripture: Matthew 20:20-28**

James and John's request was not about being close to Jesus, it was about being close to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ in the Kingdom is different than \_\_\_\_\_ in the world.

"You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them...but, not so with you!" (vs 25)

Following Jesus isn't just about making little \_\_\_\_\_ to the way the world operates, it's like living in a completely different country!

Jesus was not against seeking \_\_\_\_\_!

The question is, "What \_\_\_\_\_ of reward are we seeking?"

When we decide to follow Jesus, we commit to live according to a completely different set of \_\_\_\_\_.

"We are called and empowered to give ourselves..."

**We are called to give our:**

1. \_\_\_\_\_

"The earth is the Lord's and everything in it." (Psalm 24:1)

How are you being intentional about making what you have available to Jesus and his Kingdom?

2. \_\_\_\_\_

What talents do you have that you can give to God's Kingdom?

3. \_\_\_\_\_

- The "I love my \_\_\_\_\_!" phenomenon.

"How are you being intentional about giving your time to Jesus and his Kingdom?"

Giving ourselves starts as a \_\_\_\_\_, but becomes a \_\_\_\_\_!

**Questions:**

Is my life guided more by a consumer mindset or a giving mindset?

What might I need to change to bring my life into alignment with Christ's call to serve?