Sermon Notes

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"WHAT DOES MY CONTRIBUTION RECORD SAY ABOUT ME?" (Stewardship Lessons - Three) (John 8:30-36)

Review: (1) God's plan of Stewardship is "tithes and offerings" (Malachi 3:8-10)!
(2) God's plan of Stewardship "requires faithfulness" over all He gives us (I Corinthians 4:2)! (3)
God's plan of Stewardship brings blessings and freedom (John 6:63b)!

***READ STEWARDSHIP TESTIMONIES

<u>Introduction</u>: It is <u>not</u> carnal to keep a record of your <u>giving to the church</u>.

(Matthew 6:1-4 and Matthew 22:21)

I. IT IS A STATEMENT OF MY {OBEDIENCE} or DISOBEDIENCE!

*Hosea 4:6 *James 4:17 *Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 *John 14:15

*Luke 6:38 *Matthew 6:31-33

Note: A person <u>must</u> give to receive! We need a plan {budget} and discipline.

II. IT IS A STATEMENT OF MY {FAITH} or LACK OF FAITH!

1. We reap according to the amount (percentage) we have sown.

Note: God favors those who give with a {cheerful} heart!

2. We reap <u>later</u> than we have sown.

III. IT IS A STATEMENT OF THE OBJECT OF MY {LOVE}!

*II Corinthians 8:7-9 *Matthew 6:19-21 *Mark 12:41-44 *Proverbs 28:22

Note: "It is possible to give, without loving, but it is impossible to love, without giving."

Conclusion: Both {prosperity} and {adversity} come from God (Ecclesiastes 7:14).

I.E. Is lack of money caused by slothfulness / mismanagement / covetousness?

I.E. is Borrowing caused by lack of faith / mismanagement / discontentment / impatience?

I.E. is co-signing (surety) done through lack of knowledge or lack of character?

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