

PASSION-DRIVEN GIVIN' Message Two: Giving Passionately for Worship

INTRODUCTION:

Passion-Driven Givin' proposes that there are 10 reasons to give God 10%:

- Five Practical Reasons Are:
 - Tithing Fulfills God's *Plan*
 - Tithing Fuels God's *Passion*
 - Tithing Frees God's *Personnel*
 - Tithing Finances God's *Property*
 - Tithing Facilitates God's *Programs*
- Five Purposeful Reasons Are (The S.W.O.R.D.):
 - We Should Give as a *Service* to God
 - We Should Give as *Worship* of God
 - We Should Give for *Outreach* to Others
 - We Should Give for *Relationships* with Others
 - We Should Give to *Disciple* God's People

In this second message, we shall consider why we should give passionately as in light of our “worship” of the Lord.

PROPOSITION: You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.
This is seen in six ways that worship and giving goes hand-in-hand.

I. MY GRATEFUL WORSHIP OF GOD AFFECTS MY GIVING TO HIM.

- A. My True Worship of God *Includes* My Generous Giving to Him. Matt. 23:23.

²³“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay tithes of mint and anise and cummin, and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith. These you ought to have done, without leaving the others undone.

- B. My True Worship of God **Invokes** My Generous Giving to Him. Matt. 6:19-21.

¹⁹“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; ²⁰“but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- C. My True Worship of God **Increases** My Generous Giving to Him. Mark 12:37.

⁴¹Now Jesus sat opposite the treasury and saw how the people put money into the treasury. And many who were rich put in much. ⁴²Then one poor widow came and threw in two mites, which make a quadrans. ⁴³So He called His disciples to Himself and said to them, “Assuredly, I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all those who have given to the treasury; ⁴⁴“for they all put in out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all that she had, her whole livelihood.”

II. MY GENEROUS GIVING TO GOD AFFECTS MY WORSHIP OF HIM.

- A. When I Give I Am **Participating** In What God Is **Doing**. 2 Cor. 8:1-7.

¹Moreover, brethren, we make known to you the grace of God bestowed on the churches of Macedonia: ²that in a great trial of affliction the abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded in the riches of their liberality. ³For I bear witness that according to their ability, yes, and beyond their ability, they were freely willing, ⁴imploping us with much urgency that we would receive the gift and the fellowship of the ministering to the saints. ⁵And not only as we had hoped, but they first gave themselves to the Lord, and then to us by the will of God. ⁶So we urged Titus, that as he had begun, so he would also complete this grace in you as well. ⁷But as you abound in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all diligence, and in your love for us—see that you abound in this grace also.

- B. When I Give I Am **Practicing** What God Has **Demanded**. Mal. 3:8, 9.

⁸ *“Will a man rob God? Yet you have robbed Me! But you say, ‘In what way have we robbed You?’ In tithes and offerings. You are cursed with a curse, For you have robbed Me, Even this whole nation.*

C. When I Give I Am **Proving** What God Has **Declared**. Mal. 3:10.

Bring all the tithes into the storehouse, That there may be food in My house, And try Me now in this,” Says the LORD of hosts, “If I will not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you such blessing That there will not be room enough to receive it.

APPLICATION: Questions to consider:

1. Worship of God involves all of me- heart, mind, soul, and strength. Has my worship included generous giving of my resources?
2. Does pondering what Jesus gave me (John 3:16) cause me to want to give to Him?
3. As God blesses me more and more, do I bless Him more and more with my resources?
4. Have I missed the blessing of participating in God’s harvest because I have refrained from being generous to Him?
5. Do I truly understand that stewardship is both a privilege and a responsibility? Do I see it as “obedience”?
6. Does my giving reflect my belief that God will do what He said He will do? Do I truly trust Him?