

"Giving That Feels Good"

Portions of this message were inspired during personal prayer and study. Additional study sources for this message include: *Take God at His Word* by Gregg Hood, *Stewardship Is Lordship* by John Maxwell, an untitled stewardship series by R.D.E. Smith, 1973, *Speaking of Stewardship* by William G. Carter, *Money, Possessions, and Eternity* by Randy Alcorn, *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn, *The Stewardship of Life* by Kirk Nowery, *Revolutionary Generosity* by Kirk Nowery, *The 33 Laws of Stewardship* by Dave Sutherland, *Financial Peace* by Dave Ramsey, and *Money and the Christian* by Caleb McAfee, *Commentary on the Whole Bible* by Matthew Henry, *The New International Bible Commentary*, edited by F. F. Bruce, *The NIV Study Bible*, 1985 by The Zondervan Corporation.
Pastor Ed recommends these and other resources to you. He invites you to contact him at info@EastonWorshipCenter.org to join in our online discussions.

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Every family gets a free copy of the excellent book, *Take God at His Word* by Gregg Hood !

Motivation #1: _____ (“Have to” giving)

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 NIV

*Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a **cheerful** giver.*

Strengths

Weaknesses

Motivation #2: _____ (“Ought to” giving)

2 Corinthians 8:7 NIV

But just as you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

Strengths

Weaknesses

Motivation #3: _____ (“Want to” giving)

2 Corinthians 8:12-15 NIV

12 For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.

13 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.

14 At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

15 as it is written: "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little."

Strengths

Weaknesses

Motivation #4: _____ (“I can’t help it” giving)

2 Corinthians 9:12-15 NIV

12 This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God.

13 Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else.

14 And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you.

15 Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

[Luke 17:17: Jesus asked, "Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine?]

Strengths

Weaknesses

Motivation # 5: _____ (“It’s my nature” giving)

2 Corinthians 8:5 NIV

And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 NIV

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Philippians 4:18-19 NIV

I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God. And my God will meet all your needs according to his glorious riches in Christ Jesus.

Strengths

Weaknesses



God's Spirit God's Will Our Spirit Our Will

Life Scriptures for this week

Mon, Jan 30	2 Corinthians 9.6-11
Tue, Jan 31	2 Corinthians 9.12
Wed, Feb 1	2 Corinthians 9.13-15
Thu, Feb 2	2 Corinthians 8.1-6
Fri, Feb 3	2 Corinthians 8.7-11
Sat, Feb 4	2 Corinthians 8.12-15
Sun, Feb 5	Luke 17.11-19

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Answers: Guilt; Responsibility; Needs; Thanksgiving; Worship