



Luke 6:37-38
2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A. The Reason for Giving

1. Giving is not about you, its about others.

“What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if someone claims to have faith but has no deeds? Can such faith save them? Suppose a brother or a sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and well fed,’ but does nothing about their physical needs, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead.”
James 2:14-17 (NIV)

2. We give because of God, not to get from God.

“All a person’s ways seem pure to them, but motives are weighted by the Lord.” Proverbs 16:2 (NIV)

“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” James 4:3 (NIV)

“God is a giver. And, yes, it’s true that when we give, God will give back to us, but that should not be our motive for giving. We should give for the pure joy of imitating our wonderful Father.”

Robert Morris, The Blessed Life, pg. 102.

B. The Heart of Giving

1. A greedy heart versus a good heart.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” Philippians 2:3-4 (NIV)

2. A grieving heart versus a grateful heart.

“Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the Lord your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to.”
Deuteronomy 15:10 (NIV)

“Selfishness can attack us before we give, but grief can attack us after we give.”

Robert Morris, The Blessed Life, pg. 107

3. An obligated heart verses a gleeful heart.

“Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.”
2 Corinthians 9:7-8 (NIV)

“Many people give because they have to rather than because they want to.”

Robert Morris, The Blessed Life, pg. 107

C. The Blessing of Our Giving

1. The blessing in our personal relationships.

“Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” Luke 6:37-38 (NIV)

2. The blessing in mental and physical health.

“In everything I did, I showed you that by this hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words of our Lord Jesus Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Acts 20:35 (NIV)

“Oxytocin: Not only does it have a powerful effect on our brains and relationships, but it also has a powerful effect on our bodies—it's anti-inflammatory, reduces pain, and enhances healing.”
Source: <https://get.tithe.ly/blog/how-giving-helps-your-brain>

3. The blessing in what we put into this life.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.” 2 Corinthians 9:6 (NIV)

4. The 90-Day Tithe Challenge

“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in My house, and put Me to the test now in this,’ says the Lord of armies, ‘if I do not open for you the windows of heaven and pour out for you a blessing until it overflows.’” Malachi 3:10 (NASB)

Your part is to commit to bring back to God your tithe, your first 10% for 90 days. Our commitment to you? At the end of 90 days, if you don’t feel like God is caring for you and nurturing you in your journey of faith, then we commit to giving back every penny you’ve given to CWC during the 90 days, no questions asked.

Bottom Line:

Blessings are by-products, not goals.

To begin a relationship with Jesus...

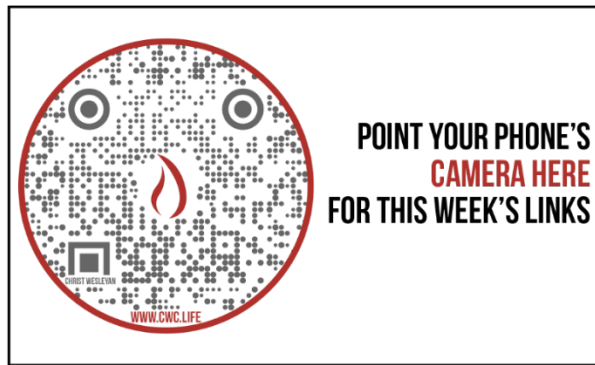
Text: “Jesus” to 570-273-0088

Next Sunday: Overflow

Week 2: The Principle of First

Milton Campus: Pastor Branden Mestach

Sunbury Campus: Pastor Mike Sweigard



Giving & Attendance Update

Giving last Sunday: 78.3% of goal

Giving year to date: 90% of goal

Attendance Last Weekend: 1,971

Salvations to date: 5 | Baptisms to date: 0

Upcoming Happenings:

May 15 – Worship/Production/Broadcast Onboarding

May 19 – Annual Church Celebration! 2:30p

May 25 – Community Service Day! 9-11a

June 25-28 – CWC Kidz Camp!

Notetakers are History Makers