

Introduction

- The Bible speaks very plainly about money because our _____ and our _____ are tightly bound up together, and God is after our _____.

Four Principles of Generosity

- ➊ Generosity should be a _____ of life (vv. 14-16).
 - We need to be _____ in our giving to the Lord's work (2 Cor. 9:7).
- ➋ Generosity will be _____ both now and in eternity (v. 17; Matt. 6:19-21).

Spiritual Dividends in the Present

- A good _____
- Assurance of _____
- Enriched _____ with other believers
- A broadened outlook into the needs and interests of the _____ Church
- Increased _____ and _____

Spiritual Dividends in the Future

- A higher degree of _____ in heaven

- Judgment Day _____
- ➌ Generosity is an act of _____ (v. 18; Lev. 2:1-2).
 - You should want to _____ because you want to _____ God.
- ➍ Generosity is _____ when you know God will meet _____ your needs (vv. 19-20; Ps. 37:25; Matt. 6:33).
 - Our generosity is not the _____ for God's provision, but His promise should give us the _____ we need to live generously.
 - Those who are generous toward _____ will find that He is generous toward _____ (2 Cor. 9:6, 8).

Final Thought

- Your stewardship of your money is a _____ of your spiritual condition.

Discussion Questions

1. Why should Christians give faithfully?
2. In what sense does giving money away profit the giver?
3. Should a Christian who is in debt give to the Lord's work or first pay off their debts?
4. In light of all the needs, how can we know where to give and how much to give?
5. Is it a lack of faith for Christians to have savings and investments? Should we give everything and trust God for the future?