

Southside Baptist Church
Introducing our Second Giving Principle
Sunday Morning – 9-13-20

1. Introduction:
 - a. Why?
 - b. The way we handle money as believers is perhaps the truest indicator of the spiritual condition of our heart.
 - c. Giving challenges our faith that God will provide.
2. First Giving Principle:
 - a. Transferring the Ownership:
 - 1) Mindset change – to see yourself as a manager/steward.
 - 2) All that you are and all that you have – under His authority.
 - b. This can be a tough transition:
 - 1) Our flesh is selfish –
 - 2) As a guard against pride, Moses warned the children to remember – Deut. 8:17-18
 - c. This has been about learning:
 - 1) This current principle has been preparing your heart for this second principle.
 - 2) Selling a possession would test your heart and prepare you for this next principle.
3. Giving Principle 2 – II Corinthians 8:1-7
 - a. The churches of Macedonia: Verse 1
 - 1) “The grace of God bestowed on the churches” –
 - a) Timeless Truth – obedience brings blessing, disobedience brings a curse.
 - b) There is more to this story than a request to give.
 - b. They were in need but gave: Verse 2-4
 - 1) How that in a great trial of affliction” –
 - 2) This affliction was the result of their faith –
 - 3) They would not have anything to do with idols.
 - 4) Important principle – II Corinthians 6:17 –
 - a) “separate” – speaks of separation from evil and dedication to the service of God.
 - 5) In the New Testament, “idolatry” can speak of covetousness.
 - a) Colossians 3:5 –
 - b) Ephesians 5:5 –
 - c. Does this make sense? Verse 2
 - 1) “abundance of their joy and their deep poverty abounded unto the riches of their liberality.”
 - 2) They understood the connection of faith to joy and of joy to faith.
 - a) Psalm 5:11; James 1:2-3; I Peter 1:8 and Galatians 5:22
 - d. Circumstances reveal: Verse 3-4

- 1) “for to their power” and “beyond their power”
 - 2) Circumstances and situations don’t make you what you are they reveal what you are.
- e. Big question here – How and Why? Verse 5
- 1) Paul noted – “first gave their own selves to the Lord”
 - 2) Paul encouraged the believers of the importance of their growth.
 - 3) Abound in “Grace Giving”
4. Second Giving Principle:
- a. Not new:
 - 1) “grace giving”
 - 2) “worship through giving”
 - 3) Did you notice that -
 - b. Principle:
 - 1) First –
5. Today’s Take Away:
- a. Where does God find you this morning?