

Followers of Christ Make a Living of Giving

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2 Corinthians 8:1-9

“For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sakes He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich.” 2 Corinthians 8:9

When making a living of giving:

1. We should have a ferocity for generosity.

We should give joyfully. v.2

generously. v.2

sacrificially. v.3a

2. We should be fervent about being a servant

We should give voluntarily. v.3b

with urgency. v.4

thankfully. v.4

as a ministry. v.4

obediently. v.5

with excellence. v.7

lovingly. v.8

Why do followers of Christ make a living of giving?

Because He first gave to us! v.9

So what?

First, give yourself to the Lord Jesus.

Secondly, make a living of giving to the Lord & to people. Love God, Love People, Change the World.

Opportunities for You to Make a Living of Giving Right Now:

1. Leader for 5th & 6th Grade Boys in Awana.
2. Upward Basketball Coaches needed for younger boys (1st – 3rd grade), younger girls, & older girls (4th – 6th grade).
3. Unfinished campus jobs from work day – see lists in foyer.
4. Host a new HomeTeam in the house you live in with the purpose of reaching Upward families for Christ.
5. Intentionally invite Sunday guests home to the house you live in, or out to a restaurant for lunch with the purpose of reaching them for Christ.
6. Coaches' Outreach Bible study Facilitator for New Caney High School.
7. Give to the completion of our nursery.
8. Give to our Southern Baptist international missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
9. Boycott the Home Depot for their corporate support of the LGBT agenda & lifestyle.
10. Pray for our Moldova Mission Team: Clay Palmer, Cheree Love, Rachel Bratcher, Sherri Horton, Sarah Bratcher, Jacob Shelton, Kristie Beveridge, Jason Becker & Tim Davis. Pray for the boots to arrive in Moldova on time.
11. Pray for the Lord to give us the property at Old Mill Road & Roberts Road, for the Lord to rescue the current owners of the property from darkness, for the Lord to burden our members to give generously for the completing of the nursery/preschool, and for the Lord to give us a beautiful playground so we can build stronger relationships with families in our community.
12. Pray for our service men (Jonathan, Nicholas, & Evan), their families, & all of our veterans.