

SERIES DISCUSSION GUIDE

GOD DOESN'T WANT YOUR MONEY, HE WANTS YOUR HEART - CHAD BRUEGMAN OCTOBER 6, 2024

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LEADER

You go first:

- Introduce yourself.
- How long have you been attending RPC?
- Describe your family.

Have everyone introduce themselves using the same questions.

ICEBREAKER

- If you could play any sport at a professional level what would you choose and why?

MESSAGE RECAP

This week's message is week 3 in a 3-week series on the Biblical view of money. Paul uses agrarian terms to remind the people of Corinth of the importance of generosity. He states, "whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously" 2 Cor. 9:6. This giving is not to come reluctantly or under compulsion but from a cheerful heart for all that God has done for you. Remember, God does not need anything from us, but He wants things for us and one of those things he wants to give us is peace and freedom that come with generosity.

MAIN POINTS

- Whoever sows sparingly will reap sparingly and whoever sows generously will reap generously
- "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field" Matt 9:37-38
 - In other words, supply and opportunity is never the issue. PARTICIPATION, BUY IN, and SKIN IN THE GAME is the struggle.
- 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.

READ

Mark 12:38-44

QUESTIONS (Note to group leaders, this can be a sensitive topic so please tread lightly and use wise judgement when determining the questions to ask and the stories to tell.)

1. Why do you think church discussions about money can cause so much tension in our hearts?
2. Chad talked about the difference between compulsive or reluctant giving vs. giving freely with a cheerful heart. He used the Sarah McLachlan story as an example. Have you ever given compulsively or reluctantly and regretted the decision?
3. Can you name a time when someone you know exhibited cheerful giving? How did that make you feel?
4. Why do you think Jesus praised the widow's gift?

APPLICATION QUESTION

- What is one "a-ha" you will take from the weekend message and our discussion?
- How will you apply the message to your life this week?

CLOSE IN PRAYER: your closing prayer could include the following:

1. *Gratitude.* Thank you, Lord, for giving us this time together to study Your Word.
2. *Acknowledgment of "a-ha" moments.* We are so grateful for the new awareness and insights you gave us today.
3. *Request for help throughout the week.* As we go back to our homes, families, and workplaces, please remind us of what we've learned today and give us the courage and strength to obey whatever You are calling us to do. Amen.

LEADERS: Please take attendance and follow up with anyone who did not attend this week.