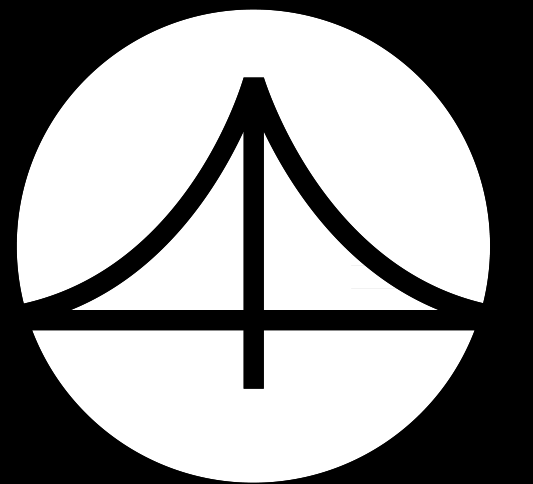


Loving the City: Giving to God

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Hearts and lives that bless the city are
generous to God.

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Money Shows Our Hearts

- God says the path to a proper relationship with Him starts with their money
- The biggest thing that keeps us from giving to God: “What if?”
- The primary issue isn’t a lack of giving, it’s unbelief

What God Expects

- God speaks of the tithes as a debt the nation owes to Him
- The one who doesn't have enough to give when they earn a small amount won't have enough to give when they earn a big amount
- As people who have seen more of God's generosity in Jesus, we're invited to be more generous today

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God's Promise

- He will bless those who give to Him
- God wants us to be generous because He wants our joy
- If you can't give away money, then you're its slave
- Giving to God is a tangible action to show we trust Him
- Giving is the only thing in the Bible God says to test Him on

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Loving the City

- Giving expands our perspective beyond ourselves
- Giving provides resources that can be used for ministry work
- Giving gives us a greater heart for God's work in the city
- Giving is a tool for evangelism

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“Nothing that you have not given away will be really yours... Look for yourself, and you will find in the long run only hatred, loneliness, despair, rage, ruin, and decay. But look for Christ and you will find Him, and with Him everything else thrown in.”

-CS Lewis