

## QUESTIONS ABOUT **MY MONEY**

### How Much Am I Supposed to Give?

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 9:7

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*Another sermon on money? Would someone please just tell me the bottom line! Do I really believe that "it is better to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35)? What does God really want from me when it comes to how I use "my money?" God wants me to be generous.*

#### 1 God wants me to be generous because my generosity

*pictures Him.*

[Genesis 1-2; 1 John 4:19; John 3:16; Romans 8:32; 2 Corinthians 8:9]

#### 2 God wants me to be generous because He wants

*to bless me.*

[2 Corinthians 9:6; Luke 6:38; Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:24-25]

- It shows that I trust Him (Hebrew 11:6)
- It pictures my spiritual growth (Matthew 6:24)
- It expresses my gratitude to Him for what He has done for me (Luke 7:38-50)

#### 3 God wants me to be generous because He wants

*to bless others through me.*

- 1 Corinthians 16:1-2; 2 Corinthians 9:7 & 8:12-13
- How much am I supposed to give?
- One non-negotiable
- with regularity
- without exception
- proportionally  
[give first, save second, & live third]

**THE ONE THING:** *God wants me to want to be generous and act upon it!*

# taking it home

{ notes for small group,  
family & personal study }

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## keeping it real

- When the holidays are over and we get back to the routines of work and school, the question that persists for at least a few days is, "What did you get?" Why is it that we do not ask, "What did you give?" How accurate are the words of Jesus in Acts 20:35 in your life?

## look at the book

- Read the following verses and record as many biblical principles on giving as you can.

- 2 Corinthians 8:1-5
- 2 Corinthians 8:9-13
- 2 Corinthians 9:6-7
- 2 Corinthians 9:10-15

- What is it that most surprises you about what you found in 2 Corinthians 8 & 9? Does something seem to be missing? Explain.

## the next step

- Take a pen and mark the dollar (below) in such a way that it pictures how much of your money you give toward the advancement of God's Kingdom. Where do you draw the line? How did you feel while drawing it? Is the Holy Spirit prompting you to make any changes?



### my next step this week is to:

- Memorize 2 Corinthians 9:6-7.
- Ask God to give me the "want to" to give.
- Give \_\_\_% of my income to the Lord's work during 2012.
- Other \_\_\_\_\_