

## ***LIVING OUT A LIFE OF GENEROSITY OVER SELFISHNESS***

### **Sermon Series: “Getting Beyond Yourself”**

*(All Scripture is New International Versions unless otherwise noted)*

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### **2 Questions You Need To Ask Yourself**

#### **1. WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS?**

*“Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction.”* **1 Timothy 6:9**

#### **4 Different Types of Biblical Giving**

- **ALMS**-- Alms is anything given to relieve the poor. It could be money, food, clothing, shelter, etc.

*“Be careful not to practice your righteousness in front of others to be seen by them. If you do, you will have no reward from your Father in heaven.<sup>2</sup> “So when you give to the needy, do not announce it with trumpets, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and on the streets, to be honored by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full.<sup>3</sup> But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing,<sup>4</sup> so that your giving may be in secret. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. **Matthew 6:1-4***

- **TITHE**—The Tithe is 10% of your increase and it belongs to the Lord.

*“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the Lord; it is holy to the Lord.”* **Leviticus 27:30**

*“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”* **Matthew 23:23**

*“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.”*

**1 Corinthians 16:2**

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,” says the Lord Almighty, “and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. **Malachi 3:10***

- **OFFERING**-- An offering is anything given over and above the Tithe.

*“From what you have, take an offering for the Lord. Everyone who is willing is to bring to the Lord an offering of gold, silver and bronze...” **Exodus 35:5***

*“All the Israelite men and women who were willing brought to the Lord freewill offerings for all the work the Lord through Moses had commanded them to do.” **Exodus 35:29***

*“Then celebrate the Festival of Weeks to the Lord your God by giving a freewill offering in proportion to the blessings the Lord your God has given you.” **Deuteronomy 16:10***

*“Whatever your lips utter you must be sure to do, because you made your vow freely to the Lord your God with your own mouth.” **Deuteronomy 23:23***

- **GRACE-GIVING**-- Grace giving is when God supernaturally enables you to give beyond your power.

*“But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” **2 Corinthians 8:7***

*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. <sup>8</sup> And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. <sup>9</sup> As it is written: “They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor; their righteousness endures forever.” **2 Corinthians 9:7-9***

## **2. WHAT ARE YOU COMMITTED TO?**

*“What shall I return to the Lord for all his goodness to me?” **Psalm 116:12***

*“For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.” **1 Timothy 6:10***

### **THIS WEEKS FAITH CHALLENGE**

- **I will commit this week to put God first in my giving and remember the poor.**