

Give to Get to Give

Pastor Jeff Bucknam | 2 Corinthians 9:6-15

1. What makes giving cheerful? Should you give if you don't feel cheerful? Why or why not?
2. What do you think of the prosperity gospel? Where do they go wrong in their understanding of money? What do they get right, if anything?
3. How do churches, ministries, and other non-profits who look for donations get people to give "under compulsion"? What kinds of fundraising practices should these groups avoid? Which ones would you advise them to do to avoid placing people "under compulsion"?
4. How risky is it to give to the work of God? What are the risks? Does God view the risks the same way we do?
5. In Luke 21:1-4, why is the widow commended? What is Jesus trying to teach about money and possessions in this passage, if anything?
6. What do you think of the statement, "Give so you can get so you can give"? Does it summarize the teaching of 2 Corinthians 9:10-11? If this is a true statement, what stops us from following this teaching and being increasingly generous?
7. How does what we do with money and possessions reveal the truth about if we truly believe the Gospel?

Passages Cited... Luke 21:1-4. James 2:14-17. Matthew 25:35-40.