

MESSAGE NOTES

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Why I Will Always Be Part Of A Church That Needs Money

- Living is _____
- Death is _____

Fundraising And Stewardship Are Worlds Apart

Fundraising

Obligation
Needs of the Organization

Stewardship

Obedience
Spiritual growth of the individual
that benefits the Body

What Does God Say About Giving?

- My response to Stewardship is a _____ issue, not a _____ one
Trust in the LORD with all your heart; do not depend on your own understanding. Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything your land produces. Proverbs 3:5, 9
- _____ belongs to God
But remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth . . . Deuteronomy 8:18a
- I am only the _____ – I am _____ to God.
Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.' Luke 16:1-2
- Give _____ I worship
Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse Malachi 3:10
- _____ a _____ in keeping with your _____
On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1 Cor. 16:2
- Give the _____, not the _____
Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; Proverbs 3:9
- Give _____
This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. 2 Cor. 9:12
- Give _____
Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Cor. 9:7
- Give _____
For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. 2 Cor. 8:3-4

How Do I Live This Out? Take the "Lordship Test" – Try it!

"Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me!" But you ask, "What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?" "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me." ⁹ You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!" Malachi 3:8-10 (NLT)