

Message Based Discussion

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What's in Your Wallet?

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Reading: Malachi 1:6-14

What did you like about this passage?

What did you find hard to accept or understand?

What does this passage teach about people?

What does this passage teach us about God? What does it teach about Jesus?

What will you do now? Based on this passage, how will your life change?

How specifically are you going to live out today's lesson?

Who will you tell? With whom will you have a conversation about this passage?

The Call to Christian Discipleship

The topic of giving can be contentious just as much as it can be confusing. Ultimately, giving of ourselves and our resources is taught in the Bible. Think about how you have given in both ways in the past. How have you experienced the “act of grace” when you have given? How has that increase your walk with the Lord?

The Call to Missional Living

Have you ever heard a non-Christian claim churches just want your money? Have you ever watched a TV preacher who seemed to think you should drain your savings account so his ministry could be blessed? It's unfortunate how the act of giving has been distorted and maligned by people who are in and out of the faith. How can you show someone this week that the act of giving begins with giving of the self?

Memorize: Verse of the month (Doctrine)

“as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death.”

—Philippians 1:20

1. What is going on in Macedonia?

- Affliction

- Generosity

- Service—selflessness

2. What does it mean “giving is an act of grace”?

- What are your “means”?

- More than money

- It is a gift to give.

3. What is the purpose of giving?

- Abound in fullness of sanctification

- Increase in fellowship

- Deepen our dedication and trust