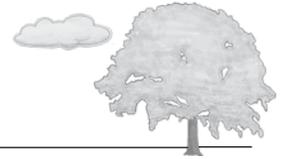




# Kingdom Economics 201



2 CORINTHIANS 9:1-15

Biblical truths for spiritual and physical returns:

1. Don't eat all the \_\_\_\_\_—you can't reap unless you sow first! (v. 6)

2. Your giving should be taken as seriously as any financial \_\_\_\_\_ you make. (v. 7)

**HOW TO PLANT KINGDOM SEEDS**

- eagerly, or with conviction (2 Cor 8:4)
- according to your means (2 Cor 8:11-12)
- cheerfully (2 Cor 9:7)
- systematically (1 Cor 16:2)

3. Generosity opens up a \_\_\_\_\_ of blessings for every area of your life—that's a promise! (v. 8)

4. God always supplies your generosity with \_\_\_\_\_ for you and to share with others. (vv. 9-11)

**HOW TO GET OUT OF FINANCIAL BONDAGE**

- Get a budget coach and a budget.
- Start planting seeds in the kingdom immediately.
- Get some spiritual accountability—have others pray for you.
- Stop spending and start reducing your debt.
- Don't give up until you're out of bondage.

5. Your generosity \_\_\_\_\_ others to give God glory, and proclaims the Gospel of Jesus Christ. (vv. 12-15)

**MINDING YOUR DEBITS AND CREDITS**

Should a Christian give based on net or gross earnings?

Where should the church fit into my giving?

If I'm in debt, should I still give?

Should I tithe if my spouse is against it?

"... put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Malachi 3:10



## SERMON DEVOTIONAL STUDY

1. How have these two sermons on kingdom economics changed your perspective on generosity? In what ways would you like to see yourself grow in generosity?

2. How would you explain this principle to a new Christian in practical terms: *If you eat all the seeds, you will have no spiritual or physical harvest.*

3. Read Luke 6:38 and Acts 20:35. What blessings is Jesus talking about? Give examples also of blessings you've personally experienced when giving to others.

4. Study the list below and meditate on the Scripture passages listed, recording any insights that come to your attention.

### SUBTLE SIGNS OF MATERIALISM

You don't have a clear definition of "enough."

*Amos 5:11-15; Prov 20:21; 1 Tim 6:9-11*

You seldom think about heaven.

*Lk 16:9; Jn 14:1-3; Phil 4:17*

You've forgotten that you're the manager, not the owner.

*Col 3:23; Rom 14:7-8; Matt 24:42-51*

You haven't understood that a life of pleasure isn't necessarily a great life.

*2 Tim 3:15; Prov 23:19; Lk 15:12-20*

You haven't noticed that the more you've accumulated, the harsher and more anxious you've become.

*Prov 18:23; Jam 2:6; Prov 11:16-17*

You suddenly realize that your children are just as focused on getting and keeping as you are.

*Prov 22:6; Deut 4:9; Eph 6:4*

You rationalize being dishonest or unjust in order to accomplish your goals.

*Prov 28:8; Ps 62:10; Jer 17:11*

To close, talk to the Lord in prayer about what He is teaching you from this study.

## COMING UP AT CHRIST CHAPEL

Here's a glimpse at what you need to know for this week. Like to plan ahead a little more? Pick up a copy of "The Source" at a stand around campus or near the exits, or visit [www.ccbcfamily.org/events](http://www.ccbcfamily.org/events). They're your source for everything going on at Christ Chapel.

### THERE'S STILL TIME TO SIGN UP FOR

**DAILY DEVOS.** Would you like to begin your day with short video devotionals from Pastor Ted? Sign up to get texts that continue the conversation from today's sermon by texting "Devo" to 555888.

### TA ETHNE MISSIONS LUNCHEON IS TODAY.

Love hearing about global missions? Then don't miss meeting Gideon and Madel Beukes at 12:15 p.m. in the Oak Room! Along with a free lunch, you'll hear how God is working in their country of South Africa.

### RENOVATE RETURNS THIS WEDNESDAY,

**AUG. 23.** Young adults, we're back from summer break and ready to see you this Wednesday for food, community and worship. Whether you're in college, post-grad or venturing into married life, there's a place for you at Renovate. Meet us in the Chapel starting at 6:15 p.m. Questions? Reach out to Shannon at [ShannonY@christchapelbc.org](mailto:ShannonY@christchapelbc.org).

### COLLEGE STUDENTS, MEET US AT THE

### AARDVARK NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 27.

We are pumped to kick off a new semester at The Aardvark (2905 W. Berry St.), near TCU's campus. If you are a college student, meet us there at 10:30 a.m. for worship, solid community and Bible study. Wanna know more? Contact Josh at [JoshS@christchapelbc.org](mailto:JoshS@christchapelbc.org) or 817-905-2041.

### SERVE OUR SCHOOLS LUNCHEON IS NEXT

### SUNDAY, AUG. 27.

With a new school year comes many new opportunities to make an eternal impact in our neighborhood schools. Find out how you can get involved as a mentor, teaching reading, assisting teachers and more at 12:30 p.m. in the Oak Room.

### SAY "YES!" TO ALL THE FUN IN CHILDREN'S

### MINISTRY.

Every Sunday you can make an eternal impact on the next generation! Come serve with us weekly, monthly or as a sub in a nursery, preschool or elementary class. You can also join us at the Children's Welcome Center. Email Nicole at [NicoleC@christchapelbc.org](mailto:NicoleC@christchapelbc.org) to say "Yes!" this week.

### CHRIST CHAPEL'S ANNUAL BUSINESS

### MEETING IS NEXT SUNDAY, AUG. 27.

To hear an update on all things CCBC, join the Elder Board and Christ Chapel's leadership in the Sanctuary at 6:30 p.m. for our annual business meeting. Among the items discussed will be results of deacon and elder elections.

### TAKE THE "ROOTS" CHALLENGE.

We'll announce more details soon, but for now, start thinking about who you could gather with to watch and talk about our "Roots" series this fall. Maybe another mom in the pick-up line, workout buddies or friends in your neighborhood. You can pick any time and place to meet—we'll provide all the materials.

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