

What do you think of the idea that acting on faith can look reckless from the perspective of human wisdom? Has there been a time in your life where you acted in faith even though it seemed contrary to human wisdom? If so, share that, including the result.

When we face challenges in various areas of life, how can we stay focused on remaining faithful and acting in Godly ways, instead of dwelling on our own hurts and offence?

**Prayer Requests**

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Scripture References

Romans 12:2 • 2 Corinthians 5:17 • Galatians 6:15

Matthew 6:19-21 • 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 • Luke 21:1-4

John 6:1-13 • Proverbs 3:5-6 • Malachi 3:10 • Psalms 18:2

Romans 12:19 • 1 Peter 2:21, 23 • 2 Timothy 4:14

Romans 8:31-32 • Colossians 3:23-24 • 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

- 1) When we become Christians, God begins \_\_\_\_\_  
the essence of our being, changing us from the inside out.
  
- 2) Part of becoming a new creation is \_\_\_\_\_ your  
heart away from treasures on earth by learning to  
release your grip on those treasures.

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- 3) Tithing means giving \_\_\_\_\_ of your income back to God.
- 4) A key principle of the command to tithe is that it was to be given as a \_\_\_\_\_ offering.
- 5) The idea that we can't afford to give is almost always a sign that we're giving from our \_\_\_\_\_.
- 6) When money is tight, we should be very careful to make sure we're living in God's \_\_\_\_\_, not under a curse.
- 7) True Faith, from the perspective of human wisdom or common sense, will always look foolish and reckless, but it takes us into the realm of \_\_\_\_\_.
- 8) The Biblical standard is that the tithe is given where the people receive \_\_\_\_\_.
- 9) When we face difficult situations at work (or elsewhere) our job is to be \_\_\_\_\_, consistently focused on Godly behavior and Godly responses.



### Small Group Discussion Questions

Please try to think these over and jot down some ideas prior to discussing them at the meeting, it will improve the discussion.

Read Galatians 6:12-16. In verse 14 Paul speaks of boasting in the cross. What does he mean? What does he mean when he refers to those who "boast in the flesh?"

In verse 15, is Paul saying that our religious behavior does not matter? How do you interpret that idea? Share your reasoning with the group.

Do you think it's true that many Christians tend to give, not from their first fruits, but from their leftovers? Why or why not? How can this tendency be overcome?

Continued on reverse.