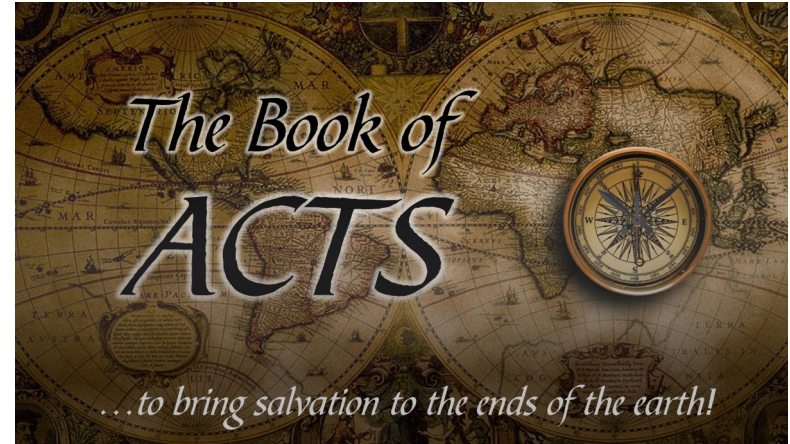


Read 2 Corinthians 9: 6-12. How does Paul's example of sowing and reaping illustrate the principles of giving?

In verse 7, why is it important that we don't give out of a sense of obligation?



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Scripture References

Acts 4:32-37 • Psalms 24:1 • Malachi 3:8-12

Matthew 6:19-33 • 2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Prayer Requests

- 1) Stewardship means “to _____ something for someone else.”

- 2) When someone who is supposed to manage something, especially finances, begins taking some of that money for his own, we call it _____.

- 3) God has given you temporary possession of some of his resources for you to manage, and he has _____ regarding that.

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- 4) In Malachi 3:8-12, God challenges us to _____ him in financial matters. He says if you do, he will open the windows of heaven and pour out more than you can receive.
- 5) We have to make a choice about our _____ in life, to serve God or to selfishly serve our desire for money.
- 6) In tough financial times, the _____ response is to hold tighter to what we have.
- 7) The _____ response is to stay committed to the priorities of who and what we serve.
- 8) Jesus tells us not to worry about _____, to seek God's _____ above all else, and that includes living in obedience to what God has told us.
- 9) Would you rather live on _____ of your income without God's blessing, or on _____ of your income with God pouring out blessings you don't even have room to receive?
- 10) God is not broke, and he can handle all of your financial concerns. The only question is, will you _____ him?



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.



If you did not need the money what would you do for work?

Read Acts 2:44-47 and Acts 4:32-37. In your opinion, what was the motivation that caused the believers to give so generously?

What difference does it make in our perspective when we view all possessions as ultimately belonging to God?

Read Matthew 25:14-30. What lesson can we learn about our mission on this earth? What parallels do you see to God plan for the world?

Continued on reverse.