

Family Worship

For the week of January 4, 2010

"Deceived" Series Willow Creek Baptist Church
Pastor Mike Augsburger January 10, 2010

The Supremacy of God in Our Finances

Luke 21:1-4

Day One

Read: John 21

Discuss: How many times did Jesus ask Peter if he loved Him? How many times had Peter denied Jesus? The point here is that Jesus was publicly restoring Peter. What can we learn from this?

Pray: *Missionaries*

Learn: Romans 5:8

Day Two

Read: Exodus 15

Discuss: How and why the Israelites praised God. How and why we can praise God.

Pray: *Pastors and church ministries*

Learn: Romans 5:8

Day Three

Read: Proverbs 15

Discuss: Can you think of examples above both the good and the bad in 15:1? How can you better practice this?

Pray: *Government and military*

Learn:

Day Four

Read: Romans 15:1-12

Discuss: How can you live out verse 1?

Pray: *Friends and family*

Learn: Romans 5:8

Day Five

Read: Romans 15:13-33

Discuss: Hope, joy, and peace? How has God given you all three?

Pray: *Friends and family*

Learn: Romans 5:8

Big Idea: God is _____ in our finances when we are giving _____

Introduction: *Confusion over the tithe...*

-Because of _____

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1. Generous giving _____ with the tithe

2. Generous giving _____ the tithe

3. Generous giving _____ sacrifice

4. Generous giving makes our _____ more glorifying to Him

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Conclusions & Applications:

Acts 2:42 Community Group Homework

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1. Did you have a favorite gift to receive this year? To give?
2. What was the high point and low point of the past two weeks for you? Explain.

Into the Bible

3. The Pharisees were fantastic tithers, yet the Lord severely rebuked them for their hearts. What pitfalls had the Pharisees succumbed to in their tithing? How does this apply to our giving?

Luke 11:42

Luke 18:9-14

4. The Macedonian church had a profound impact on Paul's ministry through their giving. How does Paul describe their attitudes and desires in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5? What do you think verse 4 means?

5. In the Old Testament, the basis of giving was the law. We are no longer under the law(not to mention that we are not Israel), so what is our basis and motivation now? Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8 and look for both positive and negative statements about our giving. Why do you think Paul adds verse 8?

Applications

6. Pastor Mike mentioned several benefits of tithing. How do these "benefits" affect the way you view giving? Did any stand out to you?
7. If everybody were to simply tithe it would give the church significantly increased funds. What kinds of things could Willow Creek do with those funds to glorify God?
8. Figure out your annual household income. Then, calculate 10% of that number. What does that come out to annually? Monthly? Weekly? How does your current giving match with that? (*This is not intended to share with your group*)

