

RAISING MONEY OR RAISING CHILDREN

The Making of a Cheerful Giver-II

I Timothy 6:6-19

THE POINT: ***Giving isn't God's way of raising money; it's His way of raising children.***

I. The Principle of P _____ v.13

God wants you to understand that...

1. He m _____ it all – Deuteronomy 10:14
2. He m _____ it all – Colossians 1:16-17

II. The Principle of P _____ v.17

God wants you to understand that...

1. Contentment is... I Tim.6⁶
2. Contentment is... Heb.13⁵⁻⁶
3. Contentment is... Prov.30¹⁵⁻¹⁶

III. The Principle of P _____ vv.10-11

God wants you to understand that...

1. Real dangers – v.10 (see other side)
2. Real devotion – v.11

IV. The Principle of P _____ v.17

God wants you to understand that...

1. Can't count on _____ v.17a
2. Can count on _____ v.17b

V. The Principle of P _____ vv.7,19

God wants you to understand that...

1. It multiplies ministry
2. It _____ needs
3. It measures eternally

RESPONSE (Be “doers” of the Word and not hearers only – James 1:22)

Digging Deeper....

Are you learning the life lessons God wants to teach you through giving?

Expanded information on II. 3 – Contentment is being able to say ‘enough’ –

4 Diagnostic Questions:

1. Is it a need or a want? – God promised to meet our needs
2. Is God testing my faith? Am I willing to wait for Him?
3. Have I misused what He has already given me? Luke 16:10-12
4. Have I violated some biblical principles...a quick look thru Proverbs:
 - Stinginess? Proverbs 11:24
 - Stubbornness? Proverbs 13:18
 - Laziness? Proverbs 20:13
 - Hastiness? Proverbs 21:5
 - Indulgence? Proverbs 23:21
 - Craftiness? Proverbs 28:19

Expanded information on III. 1 – Real dangers of falling in love with money:

- Makes you proud & self-sufficient – Proverbs 18:11
- Builds on an uncertain foundation – Proverbs 23:4-5
- Deceives you – Matthew 13:22
- Makes you forget God – Proverbs 30:8-9
- Robs God – Malachi 3:10
- It takes God's rightful place – Matthew 6:24 (I John 2:17)