

More than Buildings
The Grace of Giving
2 Corinthians 8:1-7

We live in uncertain economic times. It has been said that that the next generation will be the first to not prosper in the way prior generations have. This generation seems to be experiencing difficulty in finding jobs and launching out on their own. How do we cultivate a spirit of generosity and giving in such circumstances? How do we learn to be giving people in a society that stresses taking?

Treasure Principle

You can't _____ it with you, but you can _____ it on ahead.

Key #1: God _____ everything, I am His money _____.

Key #2: My _____ always goes where I put my _____.

Key #3: _____ —not _____ —is our true home.

Key #4: I should live, not for the _____, but for the _____.

Key #5: Giving is the only _____ to _____.

Key#6: God _____ me to raise my standard of _____.

The Bible tells us that God so loved the world that he gave His only begotten Son. He was not obligated, and he didn't do it out of a sense of responsibility. He did it out of love. God is a giving God, generous in everything that He has ever wanted for us. We see God's generosity in creation and in the cross. As we experience the grace that was demonstrated at the cross, we begin a process of being restored and conformed to the nature of God, a nature that includes generosity.