

Sermon Notes

July 20, 2008

“GIVING IN A RECESSION”

(Ecclesiastes 11:1-8)

Introduction: If anyone thinks the Bible is irrelevant, {THEY NEED TO READ IT AGAIN, MORE CAREFULLY}. Our text talks about handling finances during a {RECESSION}! Do {NOT} stop giving in a recession (Ecclesiastes 11:1). Giving is the key to {RECEIVING BLESSINGS FROM GOD!} (Acts 20:35).

I. WE SHOULD GIVE {GENEROUSLY}!

*Ecclesiastes 11:2 *II Corinthians 9:6 *Proverbs 11:24-25 *Luke 6:38
*Romans 12:13 *Proverbs 19:17 *Galatians 6:10 *Isaiah 40:8
*Matthew 6:1-4

Note: There are {MANY} Biblical causes where God will bless our giving.

Note: There are more ways to give than just {MONEY}.

II. WE SHOULD GIVE {CONSISTENTLY}!

*Ecclesiastes 11:4 *Proverbs 3:9-10 *Leviticus 27:30-32 *Matthew 6:31-33
*I Corinthians 16:2 *Galatians 6:9 *I Corinthians 13:3

Note: God focuses on {PERCENTAGE}, not amount. (II Corinthians 8:12)

Note: God focuses on the {HEART} (attitude) of the giver. (II Corinthians 9:7)

III. WE SHOULD GIVE {BELIEVINGLY}!

*Ecclesiastes 11:1 *Ecclesiastes 11:6 *Malachi 3:10 *Psalm 37:25
*Philippians 4:19 *II Corinthians 9:8 *II Kings 4:1-7 *I Kings 17:1-9

Note: Our faith (confidence) is based upon {GOD} and not the world's economy.

Conclusion: There are going to be {MANY BAD/DIFFICULT} times as long as we are on the earth (Ecclesiastes 11:7-8 & John 16:33). A believer can have {PEACE} no matter what is happening in the world (Isaiah 26:3-4).