

Sermon Outline – November 15, 2015

**Why Make A Plan For Giving?**

Malachi 3:6-10    2 Corinthians 9:6-8    Matthew 19:16-26

1. How do you react when someone asks you for money?
2. Why do we, who are rich, often react poorly when we are asked for money?
3. What do we learn from Jesus' encounter with the rich young man about making a plan for giving?

4. Why is giving a private discipline? Matthew 6:2-4

*"The point is to learn to trust God financially. When people experience God's faithfulness in the realm of their personal finances, their faith expands. Money loses its grip. They are no longer possessed by their possessions." – Andy Stanley*

5. How do I make a plan for my giving so as to be joyful?

**SAMPLE ONLY**

**Sample of Estimate of Giving card that will be passed out in worship next Sunday, November 22.**

*Making A Plan For Giving*

Seeking to make a plan for my/our offering to God, I/we make this estimate of giving to our St. Luke mission for 2016:

**STEP UP BEYOND TITHING**  
*I/We will give more than ten percent of our income to support God's work.*

**STEP UP TO TITHING**  
*I/We will give ten percent of our income to support God's work.*

**STEP UP TOWARD TITHING**  
*I/We will take a step toward the goal of giving ten percent to support God's work.*

I/We plan to give time and talent to the Lord's work.

I/We would like to learn more about the **Simply Giving Program**. (*Simply Giving is designed to help you conveniently contribute through a pre-authorized withdrawal from your bank account or credit card.*)

IN 2016, MY/OUR TOTAL  
COMMITMENT PER WEEK IS:

Current Expenses \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Building Fund \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_

**The amount of this estimate may be revised or canceled at any time at my request.**