



Journal

Chapter 19: GIVING AWAY MY RESOURCES

Personal Study

Last week you examined the practice of offering your time. Perhaps you were inspired to invest the time God has given you for his purposes. Fantastic! This week before your group meeting, read *Believe, Chapter 19: Giving Away My Resources*. Then take some time allowing the Scripture to take root in your heart and evaluating your relationship with money.

Read

Read *Believe, Chapter 19: Giving Away My Resources* and answer the following questions.

1. Describe the common patterns found in these verses.

2. As you read this chapter, what questions came to your attention?

3. What did you read that intrigued you?

Confused you? _____

Motivated you? _____

4. Make a list of benefits that come from the practice of giving.

5. Why is it foolish to find your personal identity, worth, and contentment in wealth?

6. Why do you think Jesus spent more time talking about our money and possessions than heaven and hell? Does that say something about the importance of managing our resources?

Evaluate

Based on your reading from Believe, Chapter 19: Giving Away My Resources, evaluate your level of confidence in the statements below, using a scale of 1 – 6 (1 = no confidence, 6 = complete certainty).

_____ I give away 10 percent or more of my income to God's work.

_____ I regularly give money to serve and help others.

_____ My first priority in spending is to support God's work.

_____ My spending habits do not keep me from giving what I feel I should give to God.

Take Action

Memorizing Scripture is a valuable discipline for all believers to exercise. Spend a few minutes each day committing this week’s Key Verse to memory.

Key Verse: “But since you excel in everything — in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you — see that you also excel in this grace of giving.” (2 Corinthians 8:7)

Recite this week’s Key Idea out loud. As you do, ask yourself, “Does my life reflect this statement?”

Key Idea: I give away my resources to serve God and others.

Answer the following questions to help you apply this week’s Key Idea to your own life.

1. How could this practice express itself in your life?

2. What visible attributes can be found in someone who regularly gives away their resources?

3. What is impeding your ability to incorporate this practice into your lifestyle?

How can you overcome this obstacle?
