



Footprints of Generosity

HERE GOD, TAKE ALL OF IT

Every day, most of us spend more time than we realize thinking about or making decisions about money. How will we pay the rent or mortgage? Should I look for a new job for more money? Can I buy these sneakers now or do I wait for a sale? Do I need to buy this new cell phone or tablet? Will we get the right price for this harvest? Will the loan come through for another year of college?

As followers of Jesus Christ, we would like to say we consult the Lord about these thoughts and decisions. What if we realize Jesus is the last person we consider when we worry and wonder about that investment, job, vacation, new (or pre-owned) device, gadget, truck, house, etc? Even if we tithe, could it be that cultural expectations, advertisements, the latest travel and home improvement shows or our peers and preferences are driving financial decisions more than our faith?

Sometimes we say, "I give my 10%, so I should get to do what I want with the rest." But, what we do with all is also a reflection of our faith.

***Nurturing generous disciples
to serve as the
hands and feet of Christ***



John 6:8-9

8 One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said to him, 9 "There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?"

The child gave his lunch to Jesus. He gave his *whole* lunch, not just part of it. The child *and* so many others were fed. Did this child know that if he trusted Jesus with all he had for himself, something miraculous would happen? When we give to God, God will take care of us and so many others.

Prayer

O God, please renew our imagination and vision about the good we can offer to others with all the money You put in our hands. Help us to see school-aged children with difficulty learning, neighbors going through a season of unemployment, families suffering with mental health, elders living alone in need of support, homeless families moving from place to place.

Help me to see others I can bless because of the way You bless me. I desire, God, that all my giving and living show that Jesus is my Lord. Amen.

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