

WELCOME

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Discovery is a non-denominational Christian Church that seeks to lead people to discover and experience life, love and hope in Jesus Christ. These values drive our Sunday morning worship, community gatherings throughout the week, and the ministries we serve in.

FEBRUARY MESSAGE SERIES

'The Heart of Giving'

Worshipful. Purposeful. Cheerful.

This week's message:

Hindrances to Giving to the Local Church

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If it's true that ten percent of the people in a church give ninety percent of the funds for ministry, what are some of the reasons the ninety percent of the people do not give financially to the local church? Here are some possibilities.

A. Unaware of Bible teaching

1. There are **COMMANDS** to realize.
Malachi 3:10
II Corinthians 8:7
2. There is **OWNERSHIP** to be recognized.
Haggai 2:8
Hosea 2:8
Psalm 50:10-11
3. There are **PRINCIPLES** to review.
II Corinthians 9:6
4. There are **BLESSINGS** to be received.
Luke 6:38
Malachi 3:11

B. Improper focus

1. **GREEDINESS**
Luke 12:15
I Timothy 6:9-10
2. **STINGINESS**
Proverbs 28:22
I John 3:17

C. Insecurity

Result of **DEBT**—owing for goods or services that have **ALREADY BEEN RECEIVED**
Romans 13:7-8

Result of **FEAR**—what if. . .
Philippians 4:19

Result of **UNWISE DECISIONS**

D. Lack of trust in use

Five questions to ask

1. Is the message true to **SCRIPTURE**?
2. Are the lives of the leaders consistent with the **MESSAGE**?
3. Is the ministry prompting **GROWTH** (spiritual and numerical)?
4. Is **INTEGRITY** and **ACCOUNTABILITY** evident in the use of funds?
5. Is there a standard of **EXCELLENCE** without **WASTE**?

E. Random giving

Four kinds of giving mentioned in scripture

1. Gifts—from our **ABUNDANCE**
2. Tithes—from our **INCOME**
3. Offerings—from our **EXCESS**
4. Alms—from our **POCKETS**

Reasons for "storehouse giving"

1. No **APPEALS** necessary from within
2. Trust **SPIRITUAL LEADERS**
3. Glory to **GOD** and the **CHURCH**
4. No **APPEALS** received from without