

COVENANT GIVING

COVENANT OF THANKSGIVING...Celebrate Jesus!

- There is GENEROSITY, then there is COVENANT GIVING
 - Covenant Giving is Generosity, but not all Generosity is Covenant Giving
 - For example, giving to my wife is different from giving to a stranger in need
 - Covenant giving is EXCLUSIVE
 - Covenant giving is a 2-way street
 - Many of us are practicing generosity and expecting covenant-giving results.
 - Where commitment and sacrifice are not both ways, that is not a covenant.
 - Anything outside of God and marriage, double-check to make sure it is covenant, and adjust your expectations accordingly.

The value of a gift is in the cost of the sacrifice

ILLUSTRATION: My father driving 45minutes out of his way to change my grade.

COVENANT GIVING BEGINS FIRST WITH GIVING WHAT IS REQUIRED

HEBREWS 11:4 - By Faith Abel sacrificed

- Better because of his heart, or better because Cain's were rotten? We know if part.
- But what we know is that God required blood to be shed during a sacrifice.
 - The representation and the cost of life are what God required.

1 SAMUEL 15:13-23 - Obey better than sacrifice

1 TIMOTHY 4:14-15 - Give yourself wholly

REVELATION 12:11 - Loved not their lives

COVENANT GIVING REQUIRES GIVING TO GOD FIRST

2 CORINTHIANS 8:1-5 - Give first to the Lord

1 KINGS 17:10-15

LUKE 2:21-24

- RE: EXODUS 13:2, 12; DEUTERONOMY 15:19

COLOSSIANS 1:17-18

COVENANT GIVING is not in the QUANTITY but in the WHOLENESS

LUKE 21:1-4

MALACHI 3:10

SUMMARY

1. Give to God what He's asking for.
2. Give to God the first and the best of everything.
3. Give all of yourself to God.

APPLICATION

1. In worship and service to God, give yourself wholly.
2. In your covenant relationships, give yourself wholly.

Whatever you've checked out of, check back in.