



Part 2: Giving It Right

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Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous laws. Great peace have those who love your law, and nothing can make them stumble. I wait for your salvation, LORD, and I follow your commands. I obey your statutes, for I love them greatly. I obey your precepts and your statutes, for all my ways are known to you. – *Psalms 119:165*

The Kind of Commands I Like

Do not commit murder

Husbands, love your wives as Christ loved the church

Go into all the world and preach the gospel

The Kind of Commands that Challenge Me

Turn the other cheek

Do not let any reckless words come out of your mouth

Love your enemies, pray for those who persecute you

**My spiritual maturity is directly proportional
to the law of God I obey the least.**

In my experience, the law of God that is most challenging for believers is in the area of finances.

The Bible Teaches...

Stewardship

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. – *1 Corinthians 4:2*

Generosity

Out of the most severe trial, their overflowing joy, and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able and even beyond their own ability. – *2 Corinthians 8:2-3*

- **Tithes** (*Proverbs 3:9-10 and Malachi 3:10*)
- **Offerings** (*Philippians 4:18*)
- **Alms** (*Proverbs 22:9*)

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Consistency

Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. – *1 Corinthians 16:1-2*

Responsibility

"But the one who does not know and does things deserving punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be demanded; and from the one who has been entrusted with much, much more will be asked." – *Luke 12:48*

Major financial stumbles:

- Too much car
- Too much house
- Too much debt
- Not enough foresight
- Not enough saving

Eternity

"Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." – *Matthew 6:19-21*

Next Steps

Because at times in some of our lives, we stumble financially, CTK offers financial classes. We have two classes beginning this week and next. Read more about the following opportunities in CTK Life or visit the Connection Point.

Whatcom Dream: *Create a spending plan based on your true core values*

Dave Ramsey's Financial Peace: *Live within your means and experience financial freedom*

Small Group Questions



- 1) How has your week gone so far?
- 2) What is one of God's commands that you enjoy obeying? What is one of God's commands that is a struggle for you to obey?
- 3) Read 1 Timothy 6:10. The Bible says that the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil. Do you agree that we can trace most of the evil in our lives to the issue of money? Why or why not?
- 4) Read all of the scripture from the outline under "What the Bible Teaches." Where are you in regard to obeying what the Bible says?
- 5) How can we pray for you tonight?