

# SPIRITUAL GIVING SERIES

## MULTI-FACETED APPROACH TO GIVING – LESSON 2A

**Matthew 25:31-40 KJV** When the Son of man shall come in his glory, and all the holy angels with him, then shall he sit upon the throne of his glory: (32) And before him shall be gathered all nations: and he shall separate them one from another, as a shepherd divideth his sheep from the goats: (33) And he shall set the sheep on his right hand, but the goats on the left. (34) Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: (35) For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: (36) Naked, and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me. (37) Then shall the righteous answer him, saying, Lord, when saw we thee an hungred, and fed thee? or thirsty, and gave thee drink? (38) When saw we thee a stranger, and took thee in? or naked, and clothed thee? (39) Or when saw we thee sick, or in prison, and came unto thee? (40) And the King shall answer and say unto them, Verily I say unto you, Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

- **When Christ comes in his glory to judge the world, he will bring all his holy angels with him.**
- **This must be understood of Christ's coming at the last day, to judge mankind.**
- **There is a judgment to come, in which every man shall be sentenced to a state of everlasting happiness, or misery, according to what he did in this world.**
- **These must be the proofs of our love, and of our professed subjection to the gospel of Christ.**
- **All men, whether Christians or not, are judged by 'the things done in the body, whether they be good or bad.'**

**Multifaceted-giving:** means having a variety of different and important features or elements of sharing gifts, talents, time and treasure.

### THE PURPOSE OF EXPRESSING GIVING IN MULTIPLE WAYS:

- It reveals the wisdom of GOD to use His people as instruments of blessings in many different ways.
- It undermines the schemes of the devil to shame and embarrass believers who are lacking in another capacity to give.
- It creates appreciation among believers of everyone's contribution.
- It helps believers to value the offerings they are able to give.
- It opens the eyes and the heart to see how GOD wants to use what He have given us.
- It helps us to view ourselves as vessels of blessings in the hands of GOD.

### THE BENEFITS OF EXPRESSING GIVING IN A VARIETY OF WAYS:

- Increases the impact of the Spirit of GOD.
- Demonstrates the wide range of opportunities available to manifest the glory of GOD.
- Inspires the mind to be creative in sharing the love of GOD to personal situations.
- Extends the reach of the Spirit of GOD beyond the walls of the church building.

## I. OUR TEMPLE/BODY

### **THE GREAT REBELLION TO DAY IN AMERICA AND MUCH OF THE WORLD IS DECLARING WHO OWNS THE BODY.**

- People are demanding the right to treat their body as they think would best, please themselves.
- They want to use their body to pursue every imaginable and unimaginable sexual pleasure to gratify their lusts.
- They demand the right to determine the life or death of an unborn child.
- People are declaring the right to decide their sexual identity.
- Many are displaying the body in minimal or inappropriate attire.
- The body is the primary way in which the rejection of godliness and righteousness is expressed.

**Romans 12:1-2 KJV** I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. (2) And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

#### **To present our bodies as a living sacrifice/offering unto GOD:**

- It implies that the action was a free and voluntary offering.
- The whole body is given gladly to the service of GOD.
- This declares GOD has all the rights of ownership of the body.

#### **The offering of the body requires Transformation by the renewing of the mind:**

- The offering must be according to spiritual understanding.
- The offering of the body must be acceptable unto GOD.
- The offering of our body must be according to the will of GOD.

**1 Corinthians 6:19-20 KJV** What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? (20) For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's.

#### **THE BODY MUST BE RECOGNIZED AS A TEMPLE OF THE HOLY SPIRIT.**

- The body/temple must be sacred (connected with GOD).
- The body/temple must be pure (untainted by the filth of this world).
- The body/temple must be given in agreement with the Spirit of GOD.

#### **WHY GIVING OUR TEMPLE/BODY IS IMPORTANT:**

- Everything we do on the earth must be thru our body/temple.
- The body/temple is the instrument that GOD uses to impact the world.
- The body/temple is the place that Spirit of GOD dwells in the believer.
- The body/temple is the place where fellowship, intimacy and worship of GOD happens.

**WHY DO GOD WANT US TO PRESENT THE BODY/TEMPLE AS A LIVING SACRIFICE/OFFERING?:**

- A living sacrifice/temple has energy.
- A living sacrifice/temple is able to interact with the world.
- A living sacrifice/temple has creativity.
- A living sacrifice/temple becomes a witness.