

SPIRITUAL GIVING SERIES

MULTI-FACETED APPROACH TO GIVING – LESSON 3

I. OUR TIME

Genesis 3:8-10 KJV And they heard the voice of the LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day: and Adam and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the LORD God amongst the trees of the garden. (9) And the LORD God called unto Adam, and said unto him, Where art thou? (10) And he said, I heard thy voice in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself.

- ☆ The LORD GOD had a time and purpose to meet with Adam.
- ☆ The LORD GOD had a time and place to meet with Adam.
- ☆ The LORD GOD had a time and desire to meet with Adam.

Time:

- ❖ the point or period when something occurs.
- ❖ an appointed, fixed, or customary moment or hour for something to happen.
- ❖ an opportune or suitable moment.

GIVING OF TIME TO GOD WILL DETERMINE IF RELIGION IS BASED ON RULES OR BASED ON RELATIONSHIP

Genesis 4:3-5 KJV And in process of time it came to pass, that Cain brought of the fruit of the ground an offering unto the LORD. (4) And Abel, he also brought of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the LORD had respect unto Abel and to his offering: (5) But unto Cain and to his offering he had not respect. And Cain was very wroth, and his countenance fell.

- ✚ Cain approached GOD to present his offering based on rules.
 - The offeror and the offering is empty.
 - The offeror and the offering tainted.
 - The offeror and the offering rejected.
- ✚ Abel approached GOD to present his offering based on relationship.
 - The offeror and the offering is valuable.
 - The offeror and the offering is pure.
 - The offeror and the offering is accepted.

THE IMPORTANCE OF TIME:

- It forces humans to make choices.
- It reveals values.
- It can never be reclaimed.
- It represents life.

Hebrews 11:6 KJV But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Time in prayer produces and increases:

- **Faith in GOD**
- **Fear of GOD**
 - **Reverence**
 - **Respect**
- **Favor with GOD**

Acts 10:1-4 KJV There was a certain man in Caesarea called Cornelius, a centurion of the band called the Italian band, (2) A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. (3) He saw in a vision evidently about the ninth hour of the day an angel of God coming in to him, and saying unto him, Cornelius. (4) And when he looked on him, he was afraid, and said, What is it, Lord? And he said unto him, Thy prayers and thine alms are come up for a memorial before God.

1. Time promotes intimacy with GOD:

- a. Affection
- b. Appreciation
- c. Awareness

2. Time promotes fellowship with GOD:

- a. Partnership
- b. Participation
- c. Perspective
- d. Provision

3. Time promotes bonding with GOD:

- a. Loyalty
- b. Love
- c. Lumination
 - i. Providing light
 - ii. understanding