

## LIFENET HERALD // November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019

### Ice Breaker

What is your favorite gift that you have ever given someone or that someone has given you?

### Announcements

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** - We will be collecting shoeboxes by Nov 24th! Visit [samaritanspurse.org](http://samaritanspurse.org) for more information.

**Title:** Giving and Generosity

**Speaker:** Pastor Jon Hasselbeck

This past Sunday Jon talked about the principle of giving. It is important to note how Jon started his message. Pastor Jon started by apologizing that he hasn't taught a full message on giving for it is an intricate part of the Christians life. Using an illustration of a bicycle wheel Jon pointed to one of the spokes calling it giving. A bicycle wheel only works because the spokes keep the wheel in balance. Thereby to keep in balance we need to be givers (one of the spokes of the wheel aka our life).

In 1 Timothy 6 Paul tells Timothy to command those who are rich to be givers and/or to give. Who is rich? If you look at global statistics all households that make an annual income of over \$48,000 are in the wealthiest top 1% of the world. So, who is rich? We, we are rich, even if you don't feel that way.

The Tithe. It is important to say that we are not under the law. The concept for the tithe comes from the book of Genesis (Gen 14:18-20). That is to say that it is not mandatory to give a tithe. However, as Jon made his point clear in the first half of his message, being a giver is essential to a Christian walk. Giving, of course, isn't only about or concerned with money it is meant to be applied to every area of life.

### Discussion Points

- 1) What part of the message impacted you the most?
- 2) If someone was to look at your expenses where do you think they would conclude your heart/attention is?
- 3) Do you consider yourself a giver? Is there a difference between someone who gives periodically and someone who is a giver?
- 4) Jon shared an interesting story - it went like this. One day Jon was putting his boat in the water. As he said, "because of something stupid I did, I damaged the boat and trailer." Luckily insurance stepped in to give the resources to fix the problems. The total was something like \$3000. At church the next week Jon was in a service and a missionary touched his heart. Jon asked the Lord what he should give and God told him to give the insurance checks. He happily did so. Throughout his life, Jon has received 2 boats and 2 jet skis for free. Although he can't be sure Jon thinks it is God's way of honoring what he did when obeying God. What do you think of this story? Do you have a similar story you would feel comfortable sharing?
- 5) Along the same lines has God ever told you to give something away? What were the "results" of such an experience?
- 6) 2 Corinthians 9:6-8(Remember this: **Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.** 7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work) What do you think Paul is communicating to Timothy in this passage? How does It apply to you?
- 7) Do you think that you can out-give God?

**Bible References** - 1 Timothy 6:17-19, 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 1 Timothy 5:17-18, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, Acts 10:1-5, Luke 12:32-34, Genesis 14:18-20, Galatians 3:16-18, Leviticus 23:9-10.

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