**Giving with My Heart on Fire**

**Genesis 14:14-24; Malachi 3:8-12; 2 Corinthians 9:6-8**

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People who have the spiritual gift of giving are often very good at creating wealth. What might be the relationship between giving and creating wealth (Luke 16:10; Ecclesiastes 11:1-6)?

Why does God insist that everyone, wealthy or poor, participate in giving (Deuteronomy 16:16; Leviticus 19:15; Luke 6:38)?

Is anyone wealthy in comparison to God? With what wealth does He entrust us that is beyond money (Luke 16:11; 2 Corinthians 4:6-7)? Why is giving the first step to knowing that we might be trustworthy with things of eternal value?

Have you ever experienced cheerful giving (2 Corinthians 9:7)? How would you describe that experience? What was it that brought you joy? How might following God’s ways make that an ongoing experience of joy?

To which of the following biblical principles are you ready to commit, even if you don’t yet know how God will get you there?

Getting on the **same team as my spouse** about doing our finances God’s way-

through study, prayer, and appreciating one another’s needs to be secure

and responsible

Getting **out of debt**, starting with credit cards and all unsecured loans

**Spending less** than we make—no new debts —live on a budget

**Saving** and keeping enough to get through most normal emergencies without

incurring more debt

Regularly giving back **at least a tenth in thanks** for the 90% God lets us use for

ourselves (100% of it belongs to Him – we’re just taking care of it)

Moving first to obedient, then to joyful, **cheerful giving**

**Teaching our children** these truths by words and actions so they will know

what financial freedom and joyful giving looks like