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Why I Stopped Giving

4 Corners Church
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God does not want just your money. **God wants your whole life.**

1. I stopped giving and started investing.

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.*

- You are not losing what you give to God.
- You are sowing it into eternal ground.

2. I stopped waiting for my heart and started leading my heart.

Matthew 6: 20-21 *Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

- People say, "Just give from your heart."
- Jesus said your heart follows your treasure.

3. I stopped asking, "How much should I give?" and started asking, "How much should I keep?"

Psalms 24:1,2 *The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.*

- The wrong question is: "What portion belongs to God?"
- The better question is: "Lord, what do You want done with what is already Yours?"

4. I stopped saying “yes” to most opportunities so I could start saying “yes” to a few top priorities.

Proverbs 19:21 *Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*

- A life without clear priorities gets directed by other people's demands.
- If you do not say 'no' regularly, you'll be unable to say 'yes' when you really want to.

5. I stopped thinking I had generosity figured out and started trying to grow in giving.

2 Corinthians 8:7 *But as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you—see that you excel in this act of grace (generosity) also.*

- 2 Corinthians 8:7 says we are to excel in generosity, too.
- Generosity is not a box to check. It is a grace to grow in.

6. I stopped giving in solitude and started partnering with others.

Hebrews 10:23-25 *Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.*

- Generosity grows stronger when husbands and wives align.
- It also grows when close friends challenge each other toward love and good works.

7. I stopped waiting until it felt comfortable and started right where I was.

Ecclesiastes 11:4 *He who observes the wind will not sow, and he who regards the clouds will not reap.*

- Start before it feels easy, everything new feels strange, at first.
- Giving is supposed to require faith.

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