

V. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO GIVE AT LEAST A TITHE OF YOUR STUFF TO YOUR LOCAL CHURCH

*“And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is the LORD's: it is holy unto the LORD.”* Leviticus 27:30

*“Woe unto you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! for ye pay tithe of mint and anise and cummin, and have omitted the weightier matters of the law, judgment, mercy, and faith: these ought ye to have done, and not to leave the other undone.”* Matthew 23:23

### The Tithe Challenge

I want to challenge everyone in our congregation to commit to giving at least 10% to the general fund for four months (February, March, April and May).

*“8 Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say, Wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings. 9 Ye are cursed with a curse: for ye have robbed me, even this whole nation.*

*10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.”* Malachi 3:8-10

### Will You Take Your Next Step To Financial Peace?

Generous people see giving as an \_\_\_\_\_, not an obligation. They see giving as something they \_\_\_\_\_ to do, not something they have got to do.

## CLIMBING THE GENEROSITY LADDER

### Stepping On The Ladder Pastor Steve Reynolds

#### INTRODUCTION

- A. The generosity ladder, like any other ladder is simply a tool. It will get you from your current level to a higher plane. If you climb up the generosity ladder you will experience life as you've never know it before. You will be able to replace financial stress with financial peace.

*“Let us therefore follow after the things which make for peace,...”* Romans 14:19a

- B. In this series, you will learn powerful, Biblical principles about how to climb the generosity ladder and experience financial peace.

January 9	The Ladder Matters
TODAY	Stepping On The Ladder
January 23	Stepping Up The Ladder
January 30	Stepping Beyond The Ladder

The goal of this series is to move you from financial stress to financial peace.

- C. **TEXT:** I Corinthians 16:1-2 (Pew Bible/Page 182/New Test.)

Rung #1: Basic Level Giving

Return a consistent gift to God in a way that is identifiable and accountable.

## HOW TO STEP ON THE LADDER

### I. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ ALL THE STUFF

*“The earth is the LORD's, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein.”* Psalm 24:1

*“The silver is mine, and the gold is mine, saith the LORD of hosts.”* Haggai 2:8

*“For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him:”* Colossians 1:16

### II. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU SOME OF HIS STUFF TO MANAGE

*“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father....”* James 1:17a

*“But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth,....”* Deuteronomy 8:18a

*“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful.”* I Corinthians 4:2

*“For the love of money is the root of all evil: which while some coveted after, they have erred from the faith, and pierced themselves through with many sorrows.”* I Timothy 6:10

### III. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOUR MANAGEMENT OF HIS STUFF

*“For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.”* II Corinthians 5:10

*“16 And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully:*

*17 And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits?*

*18 And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods.*

*19 And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, and be merry.*

*20 But God said unto him, Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided?*

*21 So is he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God.”* Luke 12:16-21

### IV. GOD \_\_\_\_\_ YOU TO GIVE FROM THE FIRST PART OF YOUR STUFF

*“But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.”* Matthew 6:33

*“9 Honour the LORD with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase:*

*10 So shall thy barns be filled with plenty,”* Proverbs 3:9-10a

*“The first of the firstfruits of thy land thou shalt bring into the house of the LORD thy God.”* Exodus 23:19a & 34:26a

*“That thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth, which thou shalt bring of thy land that the LORD thy God giveth thee, and shalt put it in a basket, and shalt go unto the place which the LORD thy God shall choose to place his name there.”* Deuteronomy 26:2