

**“It is Good for You”**  
**Why Should I give – Part 1**  
**Sermon Reflection Questions September 27, 2009**

One of the most difficult subjects for me to preach on is money. There is often a view in society that all the church cares about is money, and the church wants to guilt you into giving money. And this may be the intention of some pastors and some churches. My view however is that how we understand and use our money is a key issue in discipleship. Jesus taught about money and the use of money for God’s purposes more than any other topic. This fall we are spending two Sundays on the topic of money and giving to the ministry and purposes of God. This first week we are specifically focusing on how giving is good for your own heart, soul and joy.

1. Jesus says in Matthew 6:21 that, “Where your treasure is there your heart will be also.”
  - a. What does this mean?
  
  - b. How do you see this principle at work in the lives of others or yourself?
  
2. In the message I mentioned wrong motivations for and thoughts about giving.
  - a. What were those false motivations?
  
  - b. Can you think of others?
  
  - c. What happens if we give out of these false motivations?
  
3. In Ecclesiastes 5:10-15 Solomon warns of what happens when you have the wrong prospective of money. There are 8 principles that guide why we should not love money.
  - a. Try to find the 8 principles or arguments that Solomon is making and explain them in your own words?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  - b. Where have you seen the truth of some of these principles in yourself or in others?

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4. In the message I mentioned correct motivations and results of giving for the work of the Lord?
  - a. What were those motivations?
  
  - b. Can you think of others?
  
  - c. Have you seen these motivations to be true in your own life or in the life of others?
  
5. How might God be calling you to change in your attitudes and actions as a result of this message and the passages that were read?