

**“Prove it!”**  
**Why Should I Give – Part 2**  
**Sermon Reflection Questions October 4, 2009**

Last week we looked at the first part of our two part series on giving. We saw that it is for our own spiritual good to give of our finances to God. When we give significantly of our finances our joy increases, our love for Jesus increases, and it breaks the power of selfishness and consumerism in our lives.

Our focus this week is different. Giving of our finances to God is often a prerequisite for God doing His mighty work through us. Actions speak louder than words. We can say we love God and we will do anything for Him, but we prove our love when we live sacrificially for Him.

1. Back in May of this year we looked at God’s calling of Abram in Genesis 12:1-3. Read the passage again.

- a. In what way(s) was God going to do mighty things through Abram?
- b. What way did Abram have to prove to God that he was trustworthy?
- c. What do you think would have happened if Abram hadn’t obeyed God?

2. Read Exodus 14:15-25.

- a. What did God tell Moses to do in order for the Red Sea to part?
- b. Why didn’t God just part the sea? Wouldn’t it have been faster that way?
- c. What do you think would have happened had Moses not done what God asked Him to do in order for the Red Sea to part?

3. Read 1 Chronicles 29:14-18 and Psalm 24:1-2

- a. What are the fundamental truths that are portrayed in these passages?
- b. If people really lived by those truths, how would it change what they do with their possessions?

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c. For you personally, what might be one change you could make to better live out the reality of that truth?

4. Read Matthew 25:14-30

a. What are “talents” symbolic for in this passage?

b. What is the point of this passage?

5. Given all of the above passages and questions, how might we understand the relationship between our use of our possessions and what God is willing/able to do through us?

6. How might you personally need to change your use of the various things God has entrusted to you?