

All Preachers Ever Talk About is Money!

Have you ever heard that complaint? Probably all of us have at one time or another. It might surprise you that it isn't true. Studies have consistently shown that most preacher NEVER talk about money or finances. Yet if you ask people on the street, "Do churches and preachers talk too much about money," the answer might be yes! You see even one sermon on money is one too many for most people.

A better way of looking at this might be to ask why preachers talk about money. The easy answer would be that they want their ministries to be fully funded. I could point out all the various works the church does and that would be reason enough. I could point out that Jesus talked more about money and possession than any other topic and that too would be true. So, if Jesus talked about it so much why would a preacher not talk about it also?

Let me give you another reason we preachers talk about money and giving. I want you to have God's full blessings on your life! Consider that God says, "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops, and the vines in your fields will not drop their fruit before it is ripe," says the Lord Almighty.

The point of this passage and others like it is not that if you give a dollar today God will give you one hundred back. The point is that when we are generous with our gifts to God's work God in turn blesses our lives. So, one of my driving purposes as your pastor is to see you gain all of God's blessings! That is why each week we focus on the offering AND why from time to time I preach on giving.

If a preacher talking about giving turns people off doesn't that reveal more about the listener than the preacher? As our ushers come forward today to collect our offerings, let's give with the knowledge that doing so brings us the blessings of God!