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GOD'S STIMULUS PACKAGE: PRACTICAL GIVING

REVIEW:

(Linda – just list these references in this section on the notes – don't need to read them. Also please double check all of these references to be sure they match the sermon. If you have a question buzz me)

*Linda – I need 4 chairs again, with BIG signs on them that say #1, #2, #3, #4
On Screens – I need a picture of a chair with the # and following description:*

- #1 – Tipper, not a giver
- #2 – Cheerful Giver, but not Faithful
- #3 – Faithful Giver, but not Cheerful
- #4 – Faithful and Cheerful

- God is the OWNER, we are the MANAGERS (Psalm 8, 50:7-10, 24:1-2, 1 Chron 29:11-12)
- God is expecting a RETURN on His investment (Matthew 25:14-30)
- God can make resources GO FARTHER than you think (1 Kings 17:8-16, Luke 9:10-17)

2 Corinthians 9: 6-7, 10-12 (Pew Bible – Page 968)

1 Corinthians 16:1-4 (Pew Bible – Page 962)

Question #1: How should we give?

- a. CHEERFULLY
- b. REGULARLY
- c. With an attitude of DEPENDENCE and FAITH
- d. With a "HARVEST" mindset

Luke 12:13-34 – man who was rich, but not “toward God”

Mark 12:41-44 – widow's mite – she was exemplary in the opinion of Jesus

Question #2: How much should we give?

- a. The principle is GENEROSITY (since God owns it all)
- b. The Bible teaches PROPORTIONAL giving (2 Corinthians 8:12-15)
(References on notes; verses onscreen)
- c. The tithe is neither a LAW nor a LIMIT

Question #3: Where should we give?

- a. The Old Testament teaches STOREHOUSE GIVING
 - Operational expenses for the worship facility
 - Material support for the people who led worship
 - Care for the poor in the community (especially widows and orphans)
- b. The New Testament teaches "CHURCH-CENTERED" giving
Acts 4:34-35; 6:1-6; 11:30; 1 Corinthians 9:14; Philippians 4:18; 1 Timothy 5:17-18;
Hebrews 13:16 *(Just references on the notes for these)*

(If you can't get this stuff on the notes, just put it on the screens)

WHY I LOVE GIVING TO OUR CHURCH?

1. Our church believes and teaches THE GOSPEL
2. Our church teaches THE BIBLE
3. Our church builds FAMILIES
4. Our church serves THE POOR
5. Our church PLANTS and BLESSES new churches
(Can we do a map with stars or something where all these churches are? See what Art or Tyler can do with this – DON'T put all of these on the notes – just on the screens if we can do it in a cool way)
 - Family Church at Abacoa
 - La Iglesia Familiar in WPB
 - Legliz Fanmi an Kreyòl in WPB
 - Discover Church in Palm Beach Gardens
 - Harvest Bible Church in Jupiter
 - Bow Down in Riviera Beach
 - Soma in Indianapolis
 - *Arabic Church* in Orlando
 - Covenant Church in Tampa
 - Mid-Town Bridge Church in Atlanta
6. Our church handles funds with absolute INTEGRITY and TRANSPARENCY
 - Annual outside audit
 - ECFA certification *(Put ECFA website on the notes here)*
 - Qualified Pastor oversees finances.
 - Finance Committee reviews and approves all aspects of our finances
 - Budget is developed by the finance committee and voted on by the church each year
 - All financial records available to members by appointment
7. COMMON SENSE – excellent ministry must be funded
8. My giving to God's church shows God MY HEART for Him (Matthew 6:21)