

Pure Stream 3

GOD'S BENEFICIARIES

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Blessed giving

- It is more blessed to give than to receive. *Acts 20:35 I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.* We are blessed when we give and we should always be willing to give when we are blessed by the labor of God's ministers. *1Tim. 5:18 For the scripture saith, Thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The labourer is worthy of his reward.*
- Though we work for money, we give for God's blessings upon our money. Jobs, savings, etc. are not sure things. We don't trust in our wealth, ability to get wealth, or what we have, but we trust in God. Therefore, we should always give, not just to receive in return, but to live a blessed life in his total care and not our own abilities. *Deut. 8:18 But thou shalt remember the LORD thy God: for it is he that giveth thee power to get wealth, that he may establish his covenant which he sware unto thy fathers, as it is this day.*
- We should help those in need, but not every needy person needs money. And we should not judge our giving by what we feel others have. Blessing people and doing things for others will always bless the giver. *2Cor. 9:6 ¶ But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully.* And giving to the work of God's ministry not only blesses the giver, but helps others receive the truth of the word.



is scriptural. But when money becomes the focus, and the messages begin to change, then it's time to reevaluate.

- In the mega church era, members equal money, so, the feel good sermons begin to become the flavor of the month. Prosperity is not a sin, but preaching half truths and lies for the sake of prosperity is. *3John 2 Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.*
- When pastors begin to cater to the emotions of the people rather than preaching a truth laden Gospel, then they have become hirelings instead of shepherds and this gives birth to lukewarm followers. And the get wealth sermons cause the people to feel that God wants everyone rich, so they give in hopes of this return which is not biblical. *1Tim. 6:5 Perverse disputings of men of corrupt minds, and destitute of the truth, supposing that gain is godliness: from such withdraw thyself.* We should give because it's right and we desire God to bless our finances, not give us finances. We work for finances.
 - Our financial prosperity is contingent upon our work, our financial planning, etc. And so should the pastors prosperity. Pastors should be taken care of by the church and there is nothing wrong with people giving to keep the ministry afloat. However, the same standard that is expected on our jobs should be even higher for the man of God.
- If we are to give and support a ministry, that ministry should stand on the word of God no matter who's giving what or how much. Pastors should not change or alter God's word for the sake of gain. When we feel as though wealth is more important than the standard of God's word, then we have natural prosperity, but spiritually, we are poor.

Worthy to receive

- It's good to give to the ministry and ministers that feed you. *1Cor. 9:14 Even so hath the Lord ordained that they which preach the gospel should live of the gospel.* The principle of the minister living of the Gospel he preaches

When a pastor views members as money they:

1. Do not preach creation roles but rather encourage husbands and wives to stay on the grind and make as much money as they can. They influence them through counseling to get ahead, pursue their dreams, and prosper at the expense of raising their children and sometimes at the expense of their spouses. After all, the more they make, the more they have to give to the ministry. *1Tim. 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.*
2. Compromise the Gospel when it comes to sin and what is right or wrong. If a career is questionable spiritually, but profitable naturally, it is encouraged and not taught against. Instead of teaching people to stand up for what is right, they are told to soften their stance for the sake of pleasure and gain. *Is. 5:20 Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!*
3. Tolerance is preached. When homosexuals are talented, they draw people and more people equals more money. When musicians and singers are talented, they are utilized no matter how they look, act, or live. When the pastor allows this, there is no standard for the youth. The youth will look at what is being allowed and not only mimic it, but take it to the next level all for the sake of gain and members. *Eph. 5:11 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them.*
4. People are put in various positions in the church that they have no business in. But because they are good givers, or threaten to leave, they are promoted without qualification. People that should not be leading will lead people astray and scar some for life. When we promote elders and teachers in the church because of their financial giving, then we are selling the power of God which is witchcraft. *James 2:9 But if ye have respect to persons, ye commit sin, and are convinced of the law as transgressors.*
5. Pastors are controlled by witchcraft when the top givers want change. They are able to get the pastor to conform to their ideas and even be afraid to teach against the sins they are committing when they hold their tithes and offering up as collateral. The gospel is then changed or hidden and you have a mega church full of mega foolishness. Secret societies are able to infiltrate the church and silence it's stand against false gods and idolatry when they are big givers and control the finances of the ministry. *Hos. 4:6*

My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children.

Summary: The church at Laodecia was lukewarm because of the mixture they had. But they were also spiritually poor, even though they thought they were financially rich. God wants us to uphold the standard of being hot and cold while we prosper. There is nothing wrong with prosperity in the natural, but it must never interfere with the message of God's word and the intentions of our hearts. When money becomes the goal then the truth will be sold for it.

John 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more abundantly.

John 10:11 I am the good shepherd: the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep.

John 10:12 But he that is an hireling, and not the shepherd, whose own the sheep are not, seeth the wolf coming, and leaveth the sheep, and fleeth: and the wolf catcheth them, and scattereth the sheep.

John 10:13 The hireling fleeth, because he is an hireling, and careth not for the sheep.

John 10:14 I am the good shepherd, and know my sheep, and am known of mine.

