

Resemblance

“You Give Just Like Your Father”: 2 Corinthians 9:13
August 21, 24-25, 2013: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

Generosity may be the second most obvious character trait of God in the Bible.

I Give Because...

1. It Makes Me Feel Godly. *John 3:16*

It feels good to bless what God is blessing in one of those places that need it the most!

2. The Leader of My Life Asks Me to Give.

Some think that if we give any amount we're being generous. That's not what the Bible teaches.

The literal meaning of the word '*tithe*' is a tenth – 10%.

Twenty dollars a week would be tithing 10% on an income of \$200 a week ... \$10,400 a year.

Malachi 3:10, Luke 6:38

- Jesus tells people who are tithers to give generously.
- Jesus promises that if you are generous with His causes on earth...He will be more generous in blessing you.
- Jesus promises that your generosity will set the threshold for God's blessing in your life.

For the One who saved me, nothing He asks is too much.

3. I Need God's Full Blessing and Protection.

The one sure way to attract the blessing of God is to obey God.

4. I Feel Responsible for the Health of My Church.

Some of us are saved today because of the sacrifices of people who gave before we got here.

5. I Love the Vision of Our Church. *Matthew 28:19-20*

6. I Am an Example to My Children.

We ARE an example...good or bad.

7. I Want to Make God Proud.

If you're a follower of Jesus...giving is a sacred thing.

Generosity is a catalytic force that changes us and others for the better and makes us resemble our Father in Heaven.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. When have you been amazed or blessed by someone else's generosity?
2. What is the difference between tithing and being a generous giver?
3. What are some reasons we should be generous givers?
4. What can you do to develop an attitude of generosity in any circumstance?
5. What is one way you can set an example of generous giving this fall?

Ministry Opportunities

For more information about these and other events, go to SavannahChristian.com/Events.

Holy Land and Jordan Tour

May 19 – 30, 2014

Cam and Sarah Huxford invite you on a spiritual pilgrimage to the Holy Land. You will visit the places in the Bible where Jesus lived, preached and performed miracles and where He was crucified and rose from the dead. It will be a life-changing and never-to-be-forgotten experience. The airline has guaranteed us additional seating, so more spaces are available. For more information about the trip and how to book your place, pick up a flyer from The Source bookstore.

Financial Peace University

4:15 – 6 p.m. Saturdays, Sept. 7 – Nov. 2, or 9 – 10:45 a.m. Sundays, Sept. 8 – Nov. 3

Adult Ministry Center across the street

Learn practical skills for managing money from a biblical perspective. The DVD-based curriculum is taught by personal money management expert Dave Ramsey, author of *The Total Money Makeover*, and includes small-group discussion. Topics include personal savings, eliminating debt, insurance, investing for retirement, wealth-building and more. This course is appropriate for all income levels and life circumstances. There is a \$99 charge for a membership kit. For those who have taken the 13-week course, there is a \$22 fee for an updated workbook. Couples may share materials. Register by Sunday, Sept. 1, online at SavannahChristian.com.

Journey Serve Day

8 a.m. – 3 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 31

Field next to The Link across the lake

The Journey is our largest outreach event. We expect thousands to come this December to experience life the night Christmas began. Join us as we construct all-new sets for this production. Come, bring a friend, and bring your tools and equipment. Be part of clearing and construction or helping repair and organize costumes. Lunch will be provided.