

The Ways of the Wise

“Who do the Wise Pay First?": Proverbs 3: 9-10; 2 Corinthians 8:1-12

January 8, 11-12, 2014: Cam Huxford, Senior Pastor

The Bible calls how we make and manage and give our money: stewardship.

It is possible to wisely steward your money in such a way that you'll end up greatly blessed...and greatly enabled to bless God and others.

What is the way of the wise? You honor God with your money, and you honor Him first, and then you reap the reward! *1 Samuel 2:30*

I. Give Generously...It's a Sign of Spiritual Health.

The Macedonian believers weren't rich in money...they were rich in grace.

Myths about giving:

- Myth #1 People give because they are more noble.
- Myth #2 People give because they are better resourced.
- Myth #3 People give because they can afford to give.
- Myth #4 People give generously only because they've been manipulated.

Malachi 3:10-12

Tithe is a translation of the Hebrew word for 10%...a specific amount. *Luke 6:38*

If you want to unleash the supernatural flow of blessing in your life...giving is the trigger!

Christians are the most generous and joyful givers because they know that their greatest treasure is the grace and blessing of God.

II. Give Faithfully...It's a Sign of Spiritual Authenticity.

The best barometer of spiritual authenticity is not what people say they believe, but what people actually do because of what they believe.

No one will ever "out-give" God!

The greatest blessings in life come not just from making a commitment, but in keeping a commitment.

One of the wisest things you will learn this year is that God desires to bless you.

God is ready to bless whenever we are ready to obey.

Five for the Drive

A family conversation starter for the ride home

1. What's one regret you have with something in the past on which you spent money?
2. What does it mean to you to honor the Lord with your finances?
3. How crucial do you think it is for Christians to give their money to the local church?
4. What do you see as the connection between being a good steward of your finances and your spiritual health?
5. What is one thing you can do differently to honor the Lord with your finances this week ?

Ministry Opportunities

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

Drama Team Open House

6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 14

Main Building, Room 204

The Drama Team welcomes all adults aged 18 and over to an open house. This creative team performs short worship dramas, summer dinner theaters, Christmas productions and "The Journey." Dinner will be provided. For more information, contact Wayne at wsullivan@savannahchristian.com.

kidstreet Take It Home: Family Blessings

Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday, Jan. 15, 18-19

Main Building, Room 130

Parents of children aged 2-3 are invited to Take It Home, a workshop designed to help families learn and develop faith skills. Learn ways to pray blessings over your child. Take It Home will take place during every kidstreet Scooters class on Jan. 15, 18-19. Come along with your child and learn these valuable skills that will enrich your family's faith.

2013 Contribution Statements

Your 2013 contribution statement will be available online on the Give page at SavannahChristian.com beginning Monday, Jan. 13. The paper copy will be mailed by Friday, Jan. 31.

2013 Giving and Attendance Through December

Average Weekly Attendance: 7,474

Year-to-Date: General Giving: \$14,458,745 **Faith Promise (Global Outreach):** \$1,423,290

Online and Connection Kiosk Giving (27% of total giving): \$4,936,937

Transfers and Baptisms: 1,372

Relentless Capital Campaign received: \$8,538,443

Relentless Capital Campaign pledged: \$9,144,954