



Sermon Study Questions
Week of November 6, 2011

In God We Trust
“The Money View”
Pastor Bob Botsford

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Main Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:1-11

Referenced Scripture: Joshua 7:1-15, James 4:3, Luke 18:25, Mark 12:41-44, Luke 12:16-22, 1 Timothy 6:10, 1 Kings 17:8-16, Matthew 6:21, Acts 20:35, Luke 6:38, Matthew 19:29, Acts 5:1-11, 1 Timothy 6:17-19

OPEN:

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way should “In God We Trust” be the motto in our giving, spending, earning, and living?

DIG DEEPER:

1. From **2 Corinthians 8:2-5**, identify the six characteristics Paul mentions about the Macedonians and their model of giving. How different is this model from the way you have understood giving?
2. In **2 Corinthians 8:5** Paul tells us that the Macedonians “...*first gave themselves to the Lord...*”. In what way does giving start there?
3. Pastor Bob gave us three keys to “improving the view” toward giving. The first is *Proof of Our Passion* (**Matthew 6:21**). How does understanding that you are not giving to the church, rather through the church, improve the view of giving for you?
4. The second is *Purpose* (**Acts 20:35**). In the early church, the purpose of the body was very generous giving. How does this speak to the issue of trusting God both then and today?
5. The third is *Promised Return* (**Luke 6:38**). How have you learned that you cannot out-give God?
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REFLECT:

1. What has hindered you in the past from giving generously and sacrificially?
2. What new perspective has the Lord given you about money and giving?

MEMORY VERSE:

Acts 20:35

‘...*And remember the words of the Lord Jesus, that He said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive.”*’