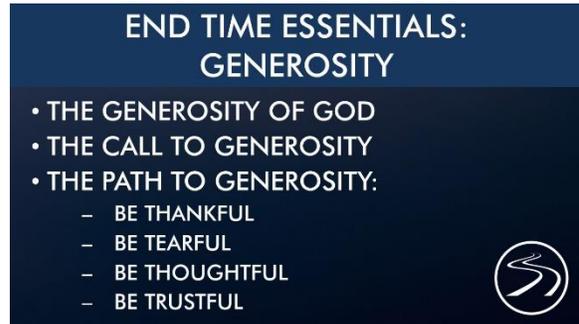


End Time Essentials: Generosity October 11, 2020 Discussion Notes

Everyone is encouraged to bring a Bible

(Phone apps are good for reading together in the same translation. Study Bibles give help with interpretation.)



Questions:

1. Have you ever stepped out in faith to give generously and then experienced a miracle of God's provision afterward? Share some stories with each other.
2. Review the points in the outline above. What stood out to you in the sermon? Do you have any questions about it?
3. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-11
 - a) Why do you think Paul begins this passage with a discussion of farming? (9:6)
 - b) How should we give? Why? (9:7)
 - c) What promise does God give to believers who do give generously? What kind of "good work" do you think is meant? (9:8)
 - d) What does God provide? What do you think this looks like practically in a Christian's life? (9:10)
 - e) What does God expect us to do with His blessings in our lives? And what is the ultimate purpose of this? (9:11)
4. Read Psalm 112:1-9 (Paul quotes verse 9 in the 2 Corinthians passage above)
 - a) Who is being described in this passage?
 - b) What characteristics do they have?
 - c) What do they do for the poor?
 - d) What will happen as a result? (see v. 5)
5. Going deeper
 - a) Why do you think God loves cheerful giving more than reluctant giving?
 - b) What motivates people to be cheerful givers? And what is lacking in the heart of a reluctant giver?
 - c) What steps can we take to become less reluctant and more cheerful in our giving?
6. In what ways can you respond to this message about generosity this week?
7. Spend some time praying that God would give you more and more joy and faith in giving. And pray for any specific needs in your group.