

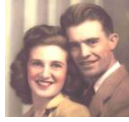
Digging Deeper for the week of May 23, 2010

Based on Kerry Jech's sermon; "I am Responsible: For Being a Godly Steward"



If you have access to the internet:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PwfMMN71xUw>



MOM and/or DAD DISCUSSION QUESTION

"What do you think about when you hear the word 'tithe'?"

Take a moment and ask each person in your family to respond

Follow up with this thought. The Bible is full of references on finances and Jesus talked about this topic more than any other and it's these references and the words of Jesus that has led me to four reasons why I choose to give:



Bible Time!

Read **Genesis 12:1-3**...then read **Luke 6:38**...For an online Bible: www.biblegateway.com

Reason 1: I am blessed by being a blessing



MOM and/or DAD DISCUSSION QUESTION

"What does Jesus say in the Luke Scripture we just read that tells us what we get when we give?"
"As a family how do we give to others; do we give a lot or a little? Explain your response."

Reason 2: To hear God's commendation



Bible Time!

Read **Matthew 25:21-23** For an online Bible: www.biblegateway.com

Follow up with this thought. In a parable, Jesus said that a master entrusted his wealth to three different servants and then he went on a trip. The first two took what they had been given by their master and multiplied it. When the Master returned, he condemned the third servant who had buried his money and wasted it. But, the first two servants the master commended with these words, "Well done, my good and faithful servant. You have been faithful with what I gave you so now you will receive even more. Let's celebrate together!"

We really don't know what heaven is going to be like. We read some word pictures the Lord gives us as a glimpse, but they hardly tell the whole story (Revelation 21:10-22:6). Paul reminds us, "no eye has seen, no ear has heard, and no mind can even begin to conceive all the wonderful things God has in store for those who love Him" (I Cor.2:9). I am hoping to one day hear my Lord commend me with these words, "Well done, good and faithful servant. Welcome to the kingdom which has been prepared for you."

Reason 3: To reflect the Glory of God



Bible Time!

Read **Matthew 5:14-16**...then read **1 Peter 2:12**... For an online Bible: www.biblegateway.com



MOM and/or DAD DISCUSSION QUESTION

“What good deeds are we involved in as a family that help others around us see the Glory of God?”

Reason 4: To point people to Jesus



Bible Time!

Read **Mark 12:41-44**... For an online Bible: www.biblegateway.com

Follow up with this thought. I love sitting in a mall, a crowded airport, or a busy outdoors and watching people go by, observing how they interact with one another. That’s what Jesus was doing here. He watched the rich throw in large amounts of money and do so loudly enough they impressed everyone nearby, everyone, except, Jesus. But, a poor widow put in two very small coins, hardly worth anything. She had no idea that Jesus would use her as an illustration to his beloved Twelve. “While everyone else was giving out of the abundance they had making their offerings hardly a sacrifice at all, this poor woman put in two small coins that represented everything she had left” (Mark 12:41-44). And you can bet, that when Jesus gave his life a few days later, his disciples remembered the widow who by her own example of personal sacrifice, helped Jesus' disciples better understand his sacrifice on a cross.



PRAYER TIME

Close your discussion with a prayer, asking Jesus to help you see the needs of those around you. How can you give like Jesus?

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