

Where Do We Go From Here? - Week 1

GETTING TO GIVE

God wants His children to have the best, but having the best and handling the best are two different things.

Psalm 35:27 (NKJV) - Let them shout for joy and be glad, who favor my righteous cause; and let them say continually, "Let the Lord be magnified, who has pleasure in the prosperity of His servant."

The danger is that in our pursuit of prosperity we can get sidetracked.

Genesis 12:2-3 (NLT) - 2 I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. 3 I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you."

Your fulfillment will never be found in what you get; it will always be found in what you give.

It's not about what we get, but what we get to give.

God's blessings are not designed stop with you (or Crosspointe Church)

Matthew 6:19-20 (NLT) - 19 "Don't store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

The blessings we have cannot stop with us; they must pass through us.

Blessings have to stay in motion or they begin to rot.

God designed His blessings to flow.

God designed us to live our lives like a water hose not a pot of water.

We were created to be carriers of God's blessings not containers.

John 7:37-38 (NIV) - 37 On the last and greatest day of the festival, Jesus stood and said in a loud voice, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. 38 Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them."

What we try to keep and control, we eventually kill.

When the value of our lives is measured by how much we have, as opposed to how much we have to give, we block ourselves from true blessings of God.

Acts 20:35 (NIV) - 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"

When we allow the blessings of God to pass through us, we put something into motion.

1 Corinthians 3:12-14 - 12 If anyone builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, 13 their work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed with fire, and the fire will test the quality of each person's work. 14 If what has been built survives, the builder will receive a reward.

What you get in this life will not be rewarded, only what you give.

To truly leave a mark, have an impact and make a difference, we must give.

Our success as a Christian is not measured by what we have, but by what we are willing to give.

It wasn't all that God had that made a lasting impact. It was all that He gave.

Our success at Crosspointe will not be based on how big our church is, but how big of an impact our church can make for the Kingdom of God.

Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) - 6 Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; 7 rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!