

Consumed



- Consumed
- Indebted
- Content
- Generous



Generous

Mark 12:41-44 (p 1005)





- God sees your giving. So be a good steward of your time, talents and treasure (v 41a)
- Giving is not just the responsibility and privilege of the rich, but of everyone, no matter what your means (41, 42)

2 Cor 9:7: *“Each man should give...”*



- God delights in those whose love for and faith in Him results in extreme, generous giving relative to their circumstances (43, 44)



Key Questions:

- *Do you really understand the generosity God offers you in Christ?*
- *Are you genuinely grateful for his utterly free gift of salvation?*



Give Generously!

1. Give (2 Cor 9:7)

“Each man should give...” Why?

- it's commanded
- it's modeled
- it extends the kingdom
- it breaks the hold of Mammon
- it demonstrates love for God & people
- it brings joy



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1. Give (2 Cor 9:7)

“Each man should give...”

2. Give voluntarily (2 Cor 9:7)

“Each man should give... what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion.”



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3. Give regularly (1 Cor 16:2)

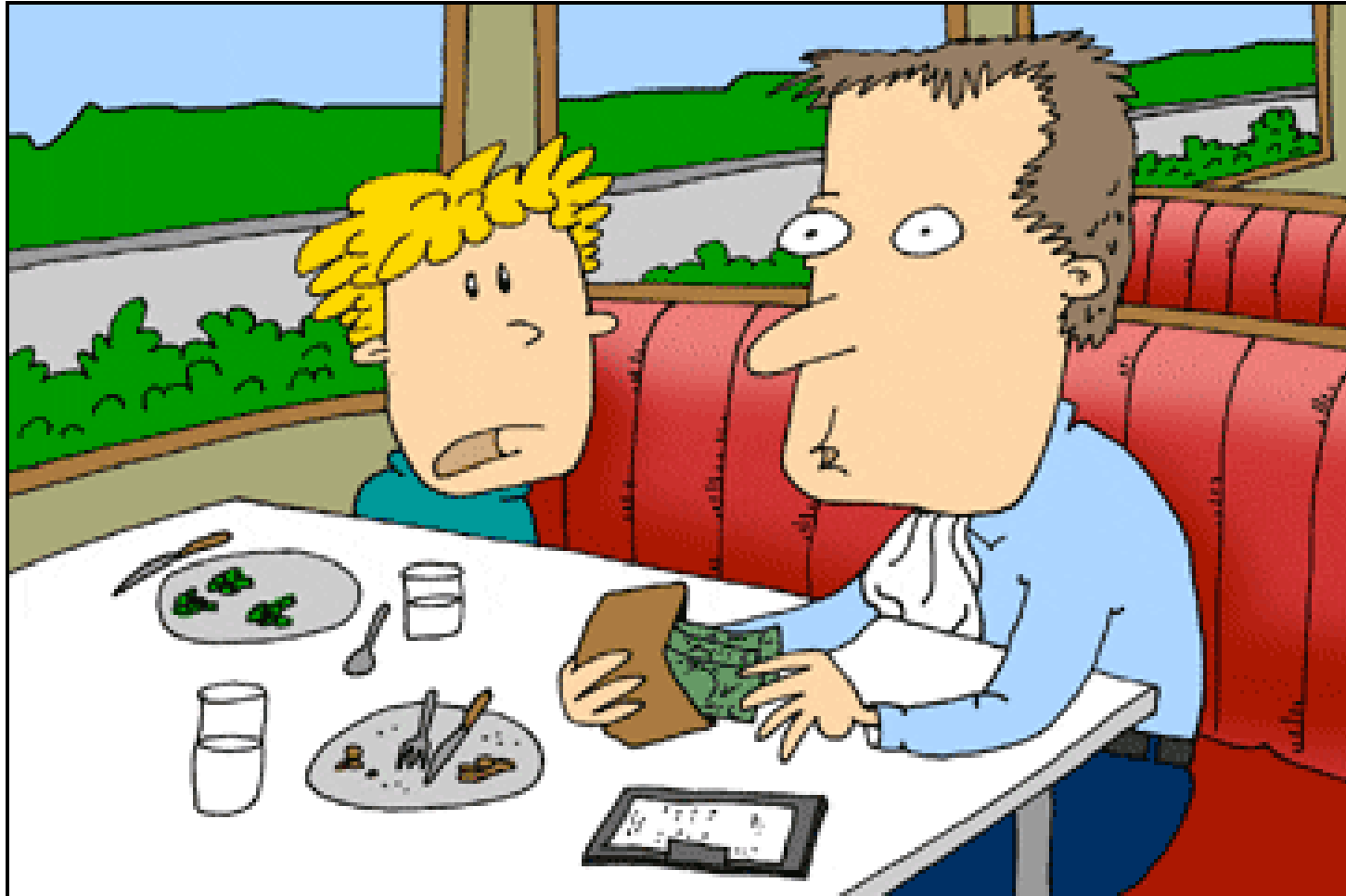
“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money...”

4. Give proportionately (1 Cor 16:2)

“On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income”



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HOW COME THE WAITRESS GETS 15% AND GOD
ONLY GETS 10%?



“Will man rob God? Yet you are robbing me. But you say, ‘How have we robbed you?’ In your tithes and contributions. You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me, the whole nation of you. Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my



house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need. - Malachi 3:8-11



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6. Give strategically (Matt 25:14-30)

- Love God:

- *My local church*
- *My missions priorities*

- Love People:

- *The world's poor (Kiva.org)*
- *Needy locally*



Give Generously

7. Give Increasingly/Excellently (2 Cor 8:7)

“See that you excel in this grace of giving...”



*Work on giving generously
because God gave
so generously to you!*



