

“Lightning & Thunder”

(Grace & Giving)

A special series on Stewardship – Part 2

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Text: Matthew 6

When it comes to money – there is a F_____ to overcome in our stewardship.

²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And which of you by being anxious can add a single hour to his span of life? ²⁸And why are you anxious about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which today is alive and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not be anxious, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ ³²For the Gentiles seek after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. ³⁴“Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

For a lot of people, the lack of generosity can be attributed to FEAR. Fear is a principle enemy of a growing faith.

1. FEAR _____ US IN – 6:25, 34

2. FAITH B _____

T _____ THE WALL – v.33 - ³³But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.”

The crowning achievement of overcoming the fear of giving is the moment we begin to experience the joy of giving.

FACTS OF LIFE S _____ US TO S _____ OUT – v.26-32

YOUR FATHER IS THERE.....

HIS HANDIWORK SPEAKS VOLUMES...TESTIFYING OF HIS FAITHFULNESS...

Q. – Does my position as a Christ-follower affect my view of life? Do I face life like a believer or one who has no relationship with the Almighty?

May it be said of us, when it comes down to our finances that “fear is not a factor with you!” ☺