



*A Great Place To Grow in
Christ
For the Entire Family*

September 10, 2017
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Matthew Chapter 11</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>How to be Happy</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>The Grace of Giving</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
October 1, 2017: 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale



"When you come to the end of your rope, tie a knot and hang on."
~ Franklin D. Roosevelt

Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service.

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Giving



Ron Coale

2 Cor. 9:7.....Every God has a lot to say about giving. And why not? After all, giving is a demonstration of one's love. In 1 Corinthians 13, God uses the English word: "Charity" to illustrate the love of God.

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lustrate love. Charity is connected with giving, therefore, love is connected with giving.

There are basically three ways that a person can give:

Grudgingly: This means that you only give expecting something in return. This type of giving falls in the category the paying of debts. From time to time I hear people say, "I have to PAY my tithe" as if it is a bill that they must endure. This type of outlook sets up a begrudging heart, which eventually leads towards resentment. The resentful heart is the one that deduces that others who don't give as much as they do, should not have the same entitlements that they have.

Forcefully: This is when you give because someone or something is forcing you to do something you don't want to do. This falls into the category of robbery. They feel like they are being robbed of their treasure. It is expressed in statements like, "If I didn't have to pay my tithe, then I would be just fine." The underlying thought is that God is taking from them what is theirs.

Willingly: God uses the word "cheerful" to describe a willing giver. A person who is willing to give is a person who is happy about doing so. This type of giving falls in the category of bestowing gifts on someone. You can hear it expressed in any

statement where you hear the word: "gift." When you give a gift to someone, it is a two-way blessing. It is a blessing to the recipient as well as the giver. One is excited to see the gift and the other is excited to see your reaction to the gift. This is why God loves a cheerful giver.

It is good to be around cheerful people. Their cheerfulness will be a pick-me-up to you, just by being around them. Their cheerfulness is the epitome of a positive attitude.

There are too many things in this world to be negative about. Negativity will capture you and drag you in like a sucking vortex. You can be swept up into it even before you realize what is going on. But there are things to be positive about as well.

The reason that the world is full of hate and wickedness is because there is an overlooking of the positive goodness of God. Although the Devil goes about seeking whom he may devour, the Lord God is also present in an even more immediate way. His omnipresence outshines the Devil and makes Him everywhere AT ONCE. This means that His giving, goodness and willingness is present if a man would have the inclination to see it. In other words, with God's presence, the world is a much more positive place than man may imagine. ~

NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1033.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1037.	Don Tripp	His pastors healing from hashimoto's disease.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1041.	Kail	Friend in hospital with eye problem.
1042.	Pastor	Anna's surgery and healing.
1043.	Regina	Lori Sylvia passed away. Pray for her family.
1044.	Pastor	Victims of hurricane in Texas and Louisiana.
1045.	Pastor	Mark Poe-heart attack.

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