



Discussion
Gu'de

“PERSONAL FINANCE 101”

09/15/24

The Church Should Give Generously. SO MC3 HAS OFFERING BUCKETS

The Repeats (required)

They are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- Welcome back to Pr'me Groups! As we did last year, we're going to *open* by sharing God Moments about what He is doing in our lives, but save our prayer requests for the END of Pr'me. Go around and share your God Moments: how have you seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another over the summer? [Leaders: plan for a way to collect prayer requests at the end, then share them with your Pr'me]
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Reminder (required)

Read this section briefly to review the Point for everyone

- This Week's Point:
**The Church Should Give Generously,
so mc3 has Offering Buckets**
- This Week's Object Lesson:
tipping your server
- This Week's Bible Passage & Focus Verse: **2 Corinthians 9:6-15**
You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully." And God will generously provide all you need.

The Reflection (required)

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the Point

- Have you ever left a really good tip...or a bad tip (or forgot!)? Maybe you were the tip *recipient*? Without names/places, tell your story.
- Let's catch up on the *Churchianity 101* series with a few questions:
 - In week 1 we saw that *The Church Should Make Disciples*, so mc3 has the *c3 Process* from **Matthew 28:19-20** (& **Acts 2:42-47!**). **What did you learn about making disciples that was *challenging* to you?**
 - In week 2 we saw that *The Church Should Gather to Worship*, so mc3 has the *Worship Experienc²e* from **Romans 15:6**. **Did you learn anything new about worship or styles? Did you *try* anything new?**
- Before this week's Point, what things did you know, or hear, or assume about church giving/offering—what did "giving" mean to you?
- In **2 Corinthians 9:6**, we are told to give generously. Have you ever seen or been the recipient of someone's generous giving? How so?
 - What benefits have you seen from *being* a generous giver?
 - Would you consider yourself to be a generous giver?...would God?
 - Be honest: what is keeping you from giving generously?
- In **2 Corinthians 9:7**, we are told to be intentional when giving. **What does that mean? How have you seen people give intentionally?**
 - Do you give intentionally? Why or why not?
- Have everyone open & read **2 Corinthians 9:8-11a**. According to this passage, what things does God promise when we give?
 - What are some ways that you have seen God provide in your life?
 - Do you believe that He *always* provides for you? If so, are you willing to trust God by giving *generously*? (read **Malachi 3:10**)
- After 2 Corinthians 9, Sean shared some foundations for giving (*The Bucket Basics*). **Did any of those surprise, or confuse (or offend) you?**
- At the end, Sean shared a \$10 giving challenge. **How can we as a Pr'me Group encourage/inspire each other to meet this challenge?**