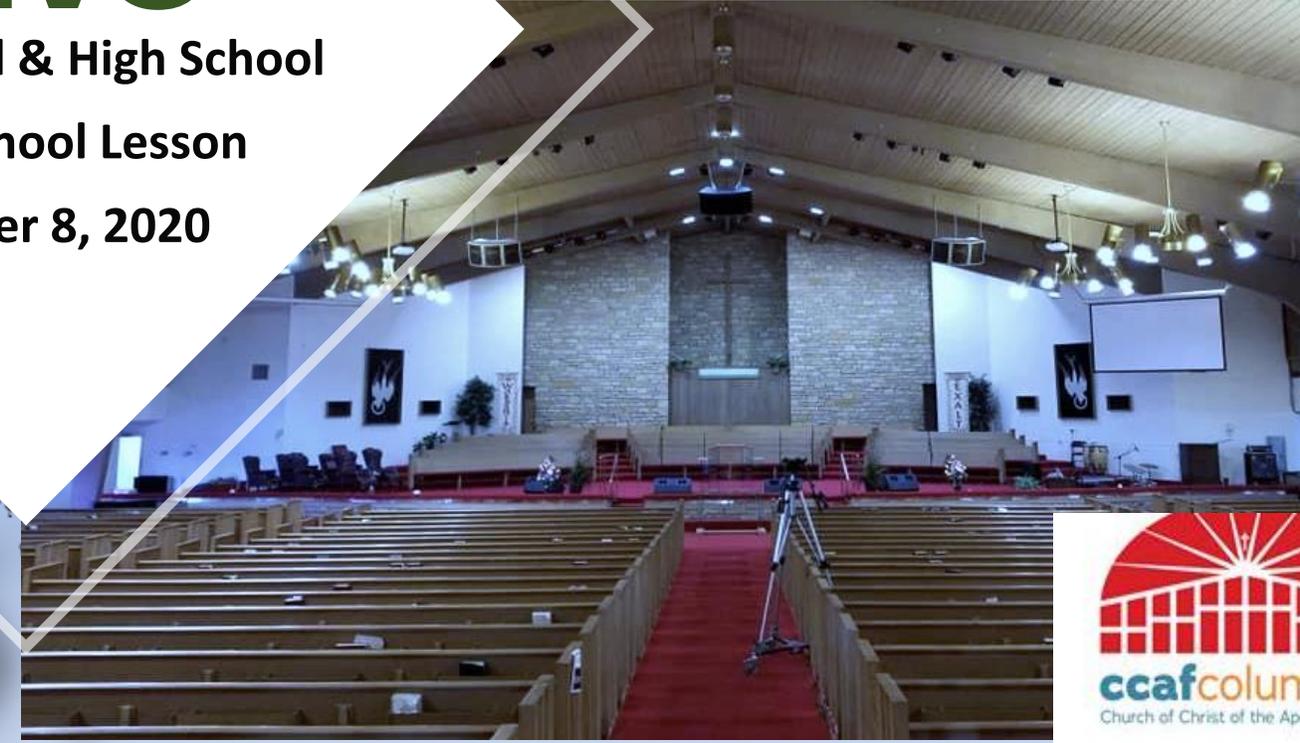
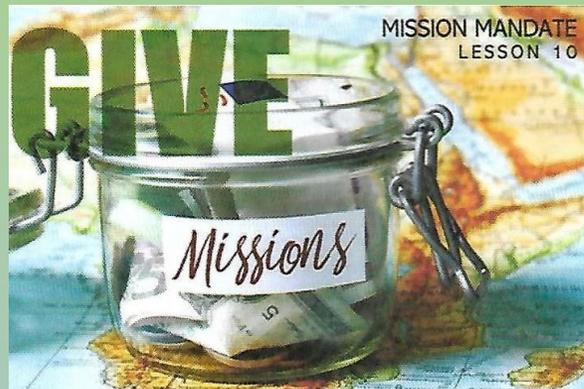




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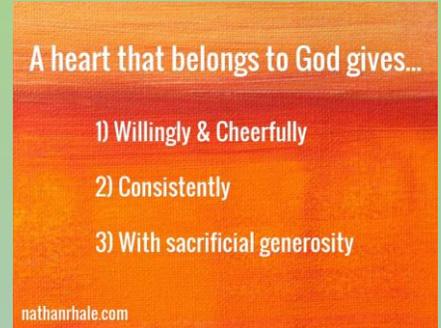
GIVE

Giving to others is part of God's plan for each of us.

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!

Proverbs 21:26 (NLT)

Giving Cheerfully



- Giving is great, all on its own.
- The Lord loves it when we give to Him and His kingdom cheerfully.
 - Cheerful giving makes the heart of God glad.
 - Cheerful giving makes others glad to see us giving willingly, without restraint.
 - Cheerful giving makes us glad to give without holding back.
- **The attitude we have when doing something affects us as well as others.**
Having the right attitude can change the whole tone of an event.
 - A bad attitude hurts the heart of God.
 - A bad attitude affects the people around, how they feel about the person with the bad attitude, and how they feel about giving.
 - A bad attitude makes the person and everyone around that person miserable.

Giving Generously



- God has given us so much. Everything we have comes from Him. He made the world, created us, put us in the world, and blessed us with every single material possession we have.
- God became flesh and hung upon a cross to pay our penalty for sin. The spotless Lamb of the world, who had never done anything wrong, took on all our sins and died on the cross.
- **God gave us everything He had, without restraint or regret.** We should not begrudge Him anything He asks of us.

The Source of Our Blessings

Everything we have comes from God. He has blessed us abundantly to enable us to better serve Him and others.

Read Deuteronomy 16:17.

Who is required to give?

- Everyone is supposed to give according to what?
- Who gives us our blessings and our possessions in the first place?



Everything we have has been given to us to bless others, not merely for our own enjoyment and pleasure.

The Long-Term Blessings of Giving to God

The Bible tells us about the law of the Kingdom: Things we give are given back to us when we are generous and do not give begrudgingly.

Read Deuteronomy 15:10.

- How are we supposed to give to the Lord?

If we give willingly, God will bless all our work—everything we put our hand to—all our lives.

Read I Chronicles 29:9.

- Why did the people of God rejoice?
- How did they make their offering to the Lord?

Giving with our whole heart and with enthusiasm makes a difference in how we feel.

- Giving wholeheartedly blesses us and others around us.

The Sacrifice vs the Size of the Gift

- We don't have to have a lot to give to God's kingdom.
- God does not look at the size of our offerings; He looks at the size of the personal sacrifice made.

Read Mark 12:41–44.

- Who gave the greatest offering in the Temple that day?
- The widow gave the greatest offering.
 - She gave with a willing and cheerful heart.
 - She gave all she had.
- We don't have to give huge amounts of money to make a difference in the world; we just need to give generously from what we have.
 - We can give the gift of our time, attention, and of our finances
- **The point is not how much we give; the point is how we give it and our willingness to give at all.**

Read Matthew 6:3–4.

- We should not give to get the approval of others or to be noticed.

The Return of Our Gift

Read II Corinthians 9:6–8.

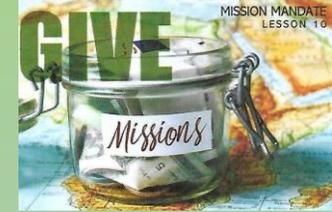
- If we give little, we will get little.

Read Luke 6:38.

- **If we give, it will be given back to us.** Blessing will return in a much greater quantity than we ever could have dreamed.



Giving to Missions



In addition to paying tithes and offerings at our local assembly; there are other ways we can give financially. Consider giving to Missionaries.

Contact Pastor Brewer or a Missions Team member to get a list of our current Missionaries

- Choose a missionary to encourage.
- Invest financially by donating money, no matter how little you have.
- Invest spiritually through prayer for the missionary.
- Invest emotionally by writing encouraging words to the missionary.

Our church organization Pentecostal assemblies of the World, Inc. (P.A.W.) has an International missions auxiliary: www.pawimd.org



(You may not have a job at this time, and you may not have any kind of income. You still can get involved in giving to missions and other important causes. The Sunday School class could start a fund raiser for missions. Write your thoughts down and share with others.)

Giving Emotional Support & Encouragement

- We can encourage missionaries in many ways.
 - Befriend them on Facebook, letting them know we are praying for them.
 - Search out their address and mail them a thoughtful note or card.
 - Reach out to their children online, connecting with them and learning more about their country and culture.
- A kind word can go a long way to:
 - strengthen missionaries' hearts,
 - remind them of the good they are doing,
 - offer comfort when they feel lonely,
 - connect with them when they feel disconnected,
 - encourage them to continue when they are having a bad day.
- Even doing the right thing gets hard sometimes. We all want to know we are seen, appreciated, and loved.
 - Our words have meaning and value to others.
 - We have the option and the ability to speak life into someone's dead and discouraged situation.
- We can make a difference in any life, even someone we have never met. Reach out to a global missionary with encouragement; also reach out to others in your world—your own mission field.



Discussion

1. How do you feel when you receive a gift someone gives begrudgingly?
2. How do you feel when you receive a gift someone gives in love?
3. What are some blessings God has given you?
4. How can you give some of those blessings away?
5. Is it important that we give to others, to God, and for the working of His kingdom? Why or why not?
6. What are some ways we could give to others right now?



Giving



Everyone likes to receive gifts. Without much effort you could probably think of memorable birthday and Christmas presents you have received. Presents can bring us momentary excitement. We feel blessed when others give of themselves for us. Still, nothing compares to giving to others.

Giving doesn't have to be a big gesture; even giving little things is meaningful. Even better, giving toward meaningful causes that make a real difference in the world reaches to something deep inside of us. If you have never been involved in raising money for a cause bigger than yourself, consider doing so. After all, "it is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35).

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