

Bringing Back @ THREADS

Look around you at Threads. What do you see?

People talking and enjoying a cup of coffee; eyes are closed or hands are raised as the band leads us in worship; a first-time guest is in the front porch grabbing their very first Bible; children are in Kids' Community holding ice or watching a butterfly as they learn about God; someone's heart is resonating during the Spiritual Talk.

Diverse people everywhere...and everywhere, in so many lives, God is working, stirring, healing and changing us.

This work of God is happening because Threads is a community of participants. Without the tithes and offerings of contributors, it would be impossible to offer the opportunities that help unchurched people become radical "love God, love others" Christ followers.

Imagine...what would happen if 100% of those who call Threads "their church" took the step to become a regular contributor @ Threads? These are just a few things that would be possible:

- Launching more sites where people far from God find His grace
- Expanding efforts to serve the marginalized in our community
- More lives radically changed
- Deeper relationships with God

WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GIVING?

BRINGING A TENTH OF MY INCOME BACK TO GOD IS ESSENTIAL TO BEING A WORSHIPPER.

"Make an offering of ten percent, a tithe ... in this way you will learn to live in deep reverence before GOD..." Deut. 14:22

WRITING MY FIRST CHECK TO GOD PUTS HIM FIRST IN MY LIFE.

"Honor God with everything you own; give him the first and the best. Then He will fill your barns..." Proverbs 3:9

FAITHFULLY BRINGING BACK TO GOD DRAWS ME CLOSER TO GOD.

"Wherever your treasure is, there your heart and thoughts will also be." Matthew 6:21

JESUS CALLED HIS FOLLOWERS TO TITHE.

"You should tithe, yes..." Matthew 23:23

BRINGING BACK TO GOD IS INTENDED TO BE PROPORTIONAL.

"On every Lord's Day, each of you should put aside some amount of money in relation to what you have earned..." 1 Corinthians 16:2

IT EXCITES GOD TO SEE US GROWING IN OUR GENEROSITY.

"I want each of you to take plenty of time to think it over, and make up your own mind what you will give...God loves it when the giver delights in the giving." II Corinthians 9:7

WHY SHOULD I BRING SOME OF MY STUFF BACK TO GOD?

- *Bringing back* is essential for me to grow in my spiritual life.
- *Bringing back* supports the mission Christ has given us to help many more become followers of Him.
- *Bringing back @ Threads* allows me to be a part of the impact we have in the SW Michigan area...and beyond.

WHAT SHOULD I BRING?

Jesus called His followers to bring back to God a minimum of 10% of their income (also called a tithe).

From time to time, Christ followers would take up a special collection. It went above and beyond their regular tithe and was called an offering. Offerings are a way to honor God sacrificially.

IS MY GIFT TAX-DEDUCTIBLE?

All contributions are 100% tax-deductible. Please note that your contact info must accompany your contribution for your gift to be tax-deductible. Giving statements are mailed out each quarter, as well as the end of the year, to help you keep track of your giving.

Simple Ways to Bring Back to God

- Use "THE ENVELOPE" at a Worship Gathering. You can give by simply completing THE ENVELOPE (found in The WEEKLY or above the giving box). Just fill it out and drop it in a Giving Box at the back our Gathering Space.
- Mail your gift during the week to the Threads office. You can also utilize your bank's bill pay service to have checks automatically cut and mailed to the Threads office.
- Secure Online Giving! Find it @ www.threadschurch.org.
- Give using our Auto-Debit option. Automatic bank debit is a flexible giving approach that allows you to setup weekly, bi-weekly, or monthly gifts to God thru Threads. You can request the form from our office, or download it online at www.threadschurch.org. Click on *Connect with Us/Give Back/Financially*.

For any questions you may have re: giving @ Threads, please call: 327-0445 or email: admin@threadschurch.org

Free Resources are Available

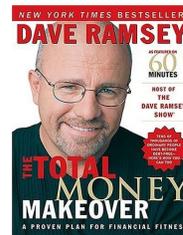
FINANCIAL COUNSELING

God says that when we go to godly counselors and ask for God's wisdom, we will find it. You were never intended to manage your finances alone. Instead, sometimes we need a second set of eyes. If you need help, we have experienced financial counselors who will sit down with you and help you assess your financial plan.

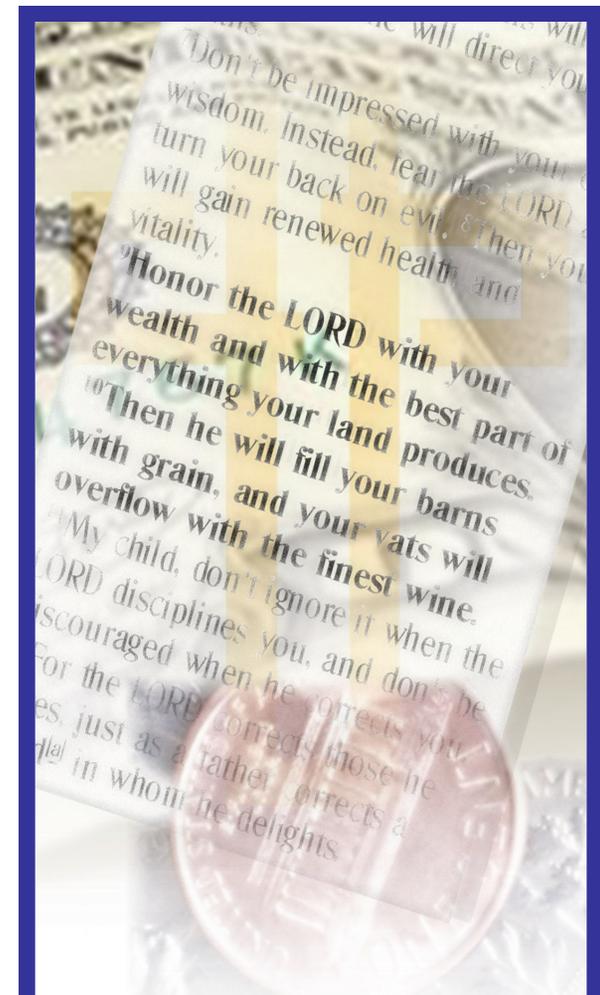
YOU CAN DOWNLOAD THE "MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS" SPIRITUAL TALK SERIES

This 5-week series by Lee Rabe @ Threads will help you see your life as a gift that you manage. Learn practical steps on how to stick your nose in your own \$\$ business. Learn God's wisdom for turning your life business around. Simply go to our website, click on the Media icon and look for this spiritual talk series.

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