

SERMON NOTES

The 9th Sunday after Pentecost, Proper 14, Year C * August 7, 2022
Sermon by the Reverend Tom Rutherford
Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 * Psalm 50 * Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 * Luke 12:32-40
Giving: It's Not "What," but "Why"

God wants us to G_____. But NOT because he N_____ it...

Psalm 50:10, 12-13

"For all the beasts of the forest are mine, *
The herds in their thousands upon the hills...

...If I were hungry, I would not tell you, *
For the whole world is mine and all that is in it.

Do you think I eat the flesh of bulls, *
or drink the blood of goats?

Our giving is a S_____ of our relationship with God.

WHY give?

✦ To say "T_____ Y_____."

Psalm 50:14

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving *
and make good your vows to the Most High.

✦ To demonstrate our F_____.

Faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we
do not see. Hebrews 11:1

✦ To C_____ for people in need, and because Jesus T_____ us to.
Jesus said, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good
pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give
alms." Luke 12:32

Next Week's Lessons

Isaiah 5:1-7 * Psalm 80 * Hebrews 11:29-12:2 * Luke 12:49-56

Chewing on Our Daily Bread

Questions for conversation in your family, a Home Group, or with a friend

1. Tell about a time you were generous with your time or stuff with someone in need, and how it helped them, and how you felt afterward.
2. What is something you give or do in order to say "Thank you to God?"
3. What is something you give or do because you believe God will take care of you and meet all your needs, even though you gave away that time or stuff?
4. What is something you give or do because you believe Jesus tells you to?
5. PRAY:
 - ✦ Thanking God for the chance to help that person you mentioned in #1 above.
 - ✦ For grace to be generous with your time and stuff in order to say "Thank you" to God for all he gives you, to live your faith, to be obedient to God, and to help people in need.
 - ✦ For any needs in your group.

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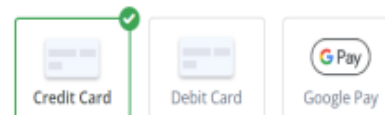
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