

HEART + Will+ AFFECTIONS | RADICAL GIVING.

When these three components align with Jesus' teaching, we give not just our means but our very obedience in a radical way.

MARK 10:17-22(ESV) and Mark 12:41 (ESV)

Mark 10:17-22 ESV (Rich Young Man)

"And as he was setting out on his journey, a man ran up and knelt before him and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" And Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good except God alone. You know the commandments: 'Do not murder, Do not commit adultery, Do not steal, Do not bear false witness, Do not defraud, Honor your father and mother.'" And he said to him, "Teacher, all these I have kept from my youth." And Jesus, looking at him, loved him, and said to him, "You lack one thing: go, sell all that you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me." Disheartened by the saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions."

Mark 12:41 (The Widow's offering)

⁴¹ And he [Jesus] sat down opposite the treasury and watched the people putting money into the offering box. Many rich people put in large sums. ⁴² And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny.^[f] ⁴³ And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. ⁴⁴ For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

1.SEPARATE YOUR SOUL FROM THE SYSTEMS OF THIS WORLD / OUR WILL

Romans 12:2 (ESV) "Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

We cannot comprehend the heavenly mission of giving until we find liberation through the testing. Then we give freely whatever is good and acceptable and perfect.

The testing makes room for discernment, an evaluation of our will.

Too often we are giving of ourselves and our resources to lifeless places. Is our giving building the kingdom, is there anyone finding Jesus on the other side of your gift?

Matthew 6:21 (ESV) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
καρδία (kardia): (Greek) the thoughts or feelings

Colossians 3:2-3 says “if we set out minds on the things above, and not on earthly things, your life is hidden with Christ in God” your emotional security and your financial security is hidden within the body of your Savior!

2.Submission of the heart transforms the mindset of the giver / OUR HEART

Oftentimes our supply is tied to our surrender!

God doesn't require us to give because he needs our money- our giving exposes our will! Can you lay down your will and follow Jesus?

We have to stop exploiting our hearts and our minds for these earthly treasures.

Matthew 6:19-21 “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

“Every spiritual discipline has a corresponding freedom. Submission gives us the ability to lay down the terrible burden of always needing to get our own way.” *Celebration of Discipline*

There is transformative life given on the other side of a submitted heart.

3. SERVICE TO THE SOUL / OUR AFFECTIONS

Matthew 20:28 “the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to GIVE his life as a ransom for many.” It is with the obedience and love that the Lord accepts our giving, rich or poor.

A renewed mind produces radical giving not only of our means but it acknowledges dignity in the life of others so the radical love of God can satisfy and draw men and women unto himself.

In our greatest moments of influence, we must remain connected to giving like Jesus. This is the lifestyle of the giver.

Giving increases the fruits of our righteousness

2 Corinthians 9:10-13

“ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.