PURPOSE DRIVEN GIVING / Part 2

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Luke 12:25-34 - Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to your life? ²⁶ Since you cannot do this very little thing, why do you worry about the rest?

²⁷ "Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. ²⁸ If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today, and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, how much more will he clothe you–you of little faith! ²⁹ And do not set your heart on what you will eat or drink; do not worry about it. ³⁰ For the pagan world runs after all such things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹ But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.

³² "Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

If you do what is <u>CONVENIENT</u> instead of <u>OBEYING</u>, you will have to do it twice to make it right

Genesis 4:2b-7 - Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. ³ In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. ⁴ And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, ⁵ but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast.

⁶Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? ⁷If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Genesis 4:4 - And Abel also brought an offering–fat portions from some of the FIRSTBORN of his flock. The Lord looked with favor on Abel and his offering,

Deuteronomy 15:19a - Set apart for the Lord your God every FIRSTBORN male of your herds and flocks. Do not put the firstborn of your cows to work, and do not shear the firstborn of your change.

Matthew 6:33 - But seek FIRST his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

"Purpose Driven Giving," requires that our God is <u>ALWAYS</u> FIRST on our list of payment schedules

Instead of <u>OBEYING</u> the Lord, Cain did what was CONVENIENT

Genesis 4:6,7 - Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it."

Was Moses Blessed? Yes
Was Jesus Blessed? Yes
Was Abel Blessed? Yes
Was Cain Blessed? No

Why? Because he didn't make God FIRST

Am I Blessed??



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