

Trending

Title: Open Hands/Open Heaven

Text: *"For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you by His poverty might become rich."* 2 Corinthians 8:9

Target: The Kingdom advances at the speed of generosity.

1. **The Principle of _____** (Old Testament)
 - a. **Before the Law:** (Patriarchs)
 - i. Abraham gives a tenth to Melchizedek (Genesis 14:18-20)
 - ii. Jacob vowed a tenth to the Lord at Bethel (Genesis 28:20-20)

Key Thought: The goodness of God compels generosity in His people.

- b. **Under the Law:** (Israel)
 - i. First fruit offering: (Leviticus 27:30-34)
 - ii. Support of the Temple: (Numbers 18:21-24)
 - iii. Ministry of the Temple: Care for the priests, outcasts, broken, orphans, and widows
(Deuteronomy 14:22-29, 26:12-13)
 - iv. Prophetic rebuke: (Malachi 3:8-10)

Key Thought: Everything belongs to God, and He chooses to meet the needs of His people through the temple.

2. **The Picture of _____** (New Testament)
 - a. **Through the Eyes of Jesus:**
 - i. Spoke more about money than heaven and hell combined.
 - ii. Confronts giving for the wrong motives: (Matthew 23:23, Luke 11:42)
 - iii. Praises the widow's offering: (Mark 12:41-44)
 - iv. Warns about being enslaved to money. (Matthew 6:19-24)
 - v. Sincerity in giving: (Matthew 6:1-4)
 - b. **Testimony of the Early Church:** (Acts 2:44-45, 4:32-27)
 - c. **Radical Generosity:** (1 Corinthians 16:1-2, 2 Corinthians 8-9)

Key Thought: The "Tithe" was not abolished; it was transformed.

3. **The Pathway of _____** (Local Church)
 - a. **About the Heart:**
 - i. Breaks the grip of greed: (Luke 12:15)
 - ii. Declares my trust in God: (Proverbs 3:9-10)
 - iii. Reorders my priorities: (Matthew 6:33)
 - iv. Makes room for God to work: (Luke 6:38)
 - v. Connects me to something eternal: (Matthew 6:19-20)
 - vi. Produces joy: (Acts 20:5)
 - b. **About the House:**
 - i. Win the lost: (Luke 19:10)
 - ii. Welcome home prodigals: (Luke 15:20)
 - iii. Raise up warriors: (1 Timothy 6:12)
 - iv. Care for the broken: (Psalm 34:18)
 - v. Take Kingdom ground: (Joshua 1:3)
 - vi. Send out missionaries: (Acts 1:8)

Takeaway: Giving doesn't change what's in your wallet; it changes what's in your worship.

UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMON GROUND

NOVEMBER 11 AT 7 PM FRIENDSGIVING AT CENTRAL CAMPUS

Join us this Tuesday for Friendsgiving in the park! CBC Common Ground is where young adults (ages 18–25) come alive in community! Every Tuesday night, this is the place to be, a space filled with powerful worship, relevant teaching, and genuine connection. Whether you're looking to grow deeper in your faith, find friends who feel like family, or just need a midweek recharge, Common Ground is your night.

FOOD DISTRIBUTION

NOVEMBER 12 AT 1 PM CENTRAL CAMPUS NOVEMBER 22 ALL OTHER CAMPUSES

We know times can be tough. If you or someone you know could use a little extra help with groceries, we're here for you. Join us in partnership with the San Antonio Food Bank for our Food Distribution, where we'll be providing free groceries to individuals and families in need. To register for Food Distribution opportunities, use your phone to tap the circle tag on the seat in front of you.

YOU'RE INVITED TO CBC WEST FEST

NOVEMBER 15 AT 6:30 PM WEST CAMPUS | 6415 BABCOCK RD

Join us for a night of fun, food, and family as we celebrate all that God is doing through CBC West. West Fest is a special opportunity to come together as one community, meet new friends, and invite your neighbors to experience what it means to belong to a church family that loves Jesus and loves people. Come ready to connect, celebrate, and enjoy an evening that reminds us how good it is to be part of what God is doing here.

YA GATHERING

NOVEMBER 17 AT 7 PM FRIENDSGIVING AT CENTRAL CAMPUS

Join us next Monday for YA Friendsgiving! If you or someone you know is between the ages of 25 and 35, we would love for you to join us for a time of worship and some Thanksgiving goodness! Gather with a collection of young adults committed to journeying through adulthood God's way as we give thanks for all He has provided. Registration is not required unless you need childcare.

WHY NOT YOU? BOOK LAUNCH PARTY WITH PASTOR ED NEWTON

NOVEMBER 13 AT 6:30 PM CENTRAL CAMPUS

We are thrilled to celebrate the release of Pastor Ed Newton's book, *Why Not You?*, available November 11. Rooted in Scripture and Pastor Ed's personal journey, this inspiring book encourages believers to see themselves as God sees them, chosen, loved, and equipped for His purpose.

Come be part of the Book Launch Party on Thursday, November 13 at 6:30 PM at CBC Central Campus for a night of fellowship and conversation with Pastor Ed. Pre-order your copy today at WhyNotYouBook.com

SATURDAY SERVE

NOVEMBER 22 ALL CAMPUSES

This month, Saturday Serve will take place on November 22. This is an opportunity for our church family to come together and make an impact before Thanksgiving. Saturday Serve is a one-day, all-in opportunity for you, family, friends, and community groups to serve the people and places of our city! Choose from a variety of service projects based on your passions, skills, location, and schedule, or create your own serve project and invite others to join you! To view projects and sign up, please visit communitybible.com/saturdayserve

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