

Sermon Notes:

**Theme: TREASURE: THE GIFT OF GIVING YOUR TREASURE
(Commitment Sunday)**

SUMMARY: “Scripture is filled with examples of teachings that focus on possessions, wealth, giving, gifts, generosity, offering charity, sacrifice and sharing with those in need. Giving is central to Christian practice because people perceive god as extravagantly generous, the giver of every good gift, the source of life and love. “People give because they serve a giving God” (Five Practices of Faithful Congregations) Proportional giving with the goal of tithing, regardless of income is a spiritual act that grows in relationship with God through the faith community. What do you have to give?

1. Biblical GENEROSITY and GIVING is rooted in god as the source.
2. GIVING is a part of the process that helps us grow spiritually in “faith and practice.
3. The Bible offers “proportional giving” with the tithe as the standard for our giving response.
4. Celebrate the offering as a means to worship the Lord with gladness and thanksgiving.
5. Others are “moved by the extravagance of God in your lives.”
6. MY THOUGHTS