

I love God's Church Part 5

Extended Verse Study:

This Week's Memory Verse Focus

**“Wherever your treasure is,
there the desires of your heart will also be.”
Matthew 6:21**

2018 Motto:

It's always 3:30 (John 3:30)

Ask yourself and apply to your daily prayer:

How can I apply the theme to my daily living and connect that understanding in my active part of the local Body of Christ where I am committed at HCC

Current Sermon Title:

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Ask yourself how can participating in the soul habit practice of reforming the center of your life to Christ by making a Spiritual Formation Plan to be led by the love of God

1: Read Matthew 6

2: Read Matthew 23 and 25

3: Read 1st Samuel 16:7

4: Read Deuteronomy 26:2

5: Read Malachi 3

6: Read John 3:30

FOR THE GROUP: Working it out together

1. We learned so far in this series, that in “loving God’s church” we invite others to church to learn of God’s love and we share in ministry by serving with our time and talent. What role does our finances play in our love for God’s church? Read Deuteronomy 14:22-23.
2. Tithing teaches us to respect and worship God so to love God’s church is to be a consistent, committed covenant member tithing to the local part of the global church, for us that means, a tithing member of Heritage Community Church. Does Matthew 6:21 support or discount this statement? Explain.
3. Why is it important to make the desires of our heart in the kingdom of God? Read 1st Samuel 16:7.
4. Pastor Steve said, “The Bible seems pretty clear that God will be sizing up our heart...he’s really ultimately going to be judging our heart by how we spend our money in relationship to His kingdom and the world.” How can you tell what the treasure of your heart is?
5. Read Deuteronomy 26:2. Can you explain in today’s currency what “first fruit” is and in today’s language what it means to bring that currency to the “place the Lord your God chooses for his name to be honored”?
6. Pastor Steve said, “Our giving dictates our living... Our living does not dictate our giving...if our heart is in the right place which means we will be right with God.” What would be an example of a Christian giving dictating his or her living compared to one’s living dictating his or her giving?

FOR THE INDIVIDUAL: Take Away

I love God's Church:

- **To be right with God, our hearts have to be right and being right with God requires giving right**
- **The church is the social center of God’s kindness that is only possible when God’s people give faithfully their tithe and offering**
- **Before you decide how to live, you decide how to give**
- **Tithe is the financial foundation of a Christian and goes to the local church God leads you to worship**
- **Money is ministry. Your financial giving is the vehicle through which God is liberating people spiritually and physically through the ministry of God’s church.**