

Why? Part 8

John 3:16-17(NKJV) For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.

The What And The Why!

The what deals with information, knowing what do! The Why deals with Motivation, the reason for doing!

To be generous in love towards others we need to:

1. Adopt the correct life stance.
2. Get rid of Emotional Garbage.
3. Stay on Mission.
4. Desire the Best for Others.
5. Dump Worry like the bad Habit it is!
6. Learn the Remedy for complaining.

- To be generous in love towards others: put stuff in perspective.

A lack of resources is not the worse thing that can happen to any of us. Lacking God's power when it is needed, is far worse.

- I pray that the church would rather pursue that which cannot be purchased, to possess that which cannot be sold, to have that which cannot be taken away!

Luke 12:32-38(NLT) "So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom. "Sell your possessions and give to those in need. This will store up treasure for you in heaven! And the purses of heaven never get old or develop holes. Your treasure will be safe; no thief can steal it and no moth can destroy it. Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. "Be dressed for service and keep your lamps burning, as though you were waiting for your master to return from the wedding

feast. Then you will be ready to open the door and let him in the moment he arrives and knocks. The servants who are ready and waiting for his return will be rewarded. I tell you the truth, he himself will seat them, put on an apron, and serve them as they sit and eat! He may come in the middle of the night or just before dawn. But whenever he comes, he will reward the servants who are ready.

- To put stuff in perspective we must learn to be content.

Philippians 4:11-13(NLT) Not that I was ever in need, for I have learned how to be content with whatever I have. I know how to live on almost nothing or with everything. I have learned the secret of living in every situation, whether it is with a full stomach or empty, with plenty or little. For I can do everything through Christ, who gives me strength.

- Contentment is learned through obedience.

Acts 8:1-7(NLT) Saul was one of the witnesses, and he agreed completely with the killing of Stephen. A great wave of persecution began that day, sweeping over the church in Jerusalem; and all the believers except the apostles were scattered through the regions of Judea and Samaria. (Some devout men came and buried Stephen with great mourning.) But Saul was going everywhere to destroy the church. He went from house to house, dragging out both men and women to throw them into prison. But the believers who were scattered preached the Good News about Jesus wherever they went. Philip, for example, went to the city of Samaria and told the people there about the Messiah. Crowds listened intently to Philip because they were eager to hear his message and see the miraculous signs he did. Many evil spirits were cast out, screaming as they left their victims. And many who had been paralyzed or lame were healed. So there was great joy in that city.

2 Corinthians 11:23-28 (TNIV) "I have worked much harder, been in prison more frequently, been flogged more severely and been exposed to death again and again. Five times I received forty lashes minus one [in other words, he was whipped times in five different experiences. Add that up and you can figure out how many scars were on the back of Paul.] Three times I was beaten with rods, once I was stoned, three times I was shipwrecked. I spent a night and a day in the open sea. I've been in constant danger. I've labored and toiled. I've often gone without sleep. I've known hunger and thirst. I've often gone without food. I've even been cold and gone without clothing. Besides everything else, I've faced the daily pressures of my concern for all the churches."

- The fruit of contentment is joy.

Philippians 2:14-16 (MSG) *Do everything readily and cheerfully—no bickering, no second-guessing allowed! Go out into the world uncorrupted, a breath of fresh air in this squalid and polluted society. Provide people with a glimpse of good living and of the living God. Carry the light-giving Message into the night so I'll have good cause to be proud of you on the day that Christ returns. You'll be living proof that I didn't go to all this work for nothing.*

To experience joy despite your circumstances you need to change:

- **Your perspective of God and His kingdom.**
- **Your perspective on money and possessions.**
- **Your perspective of love and generosity.**
- **Your perspective on joy and relationships.**

Romans 14:17-19 (NLT) *In the kingdom of God, eating and drinking are not important. **The important things are living right with God, peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.** Anyone who serves Christ by living this way is pleasing God and will be accepted by other people. So let us try to do what makes peace and helps one another.*