

Sermon Headlines

26.6.16

THE GRACE OF GIVING

God is a giving God - His character is love and giving: John 3:16

If we are ever to live life the way He intended it would be with the motivation of love; this is birthed in encounter with Him. This defines the line between my life making a contribution towards God or giving my whole life to Him.

This is not a giving talk in the sense of extracting more from anyone - Sun City are a most generous Household. The desire is to unfold the supernatural ability that rests upon our giving when what and how we give is from the heart, having wrestled with the truths in our mind and cheerfully decide to apply that truth with all our strength. God is after our hearts and is always leading us forward in faith.

We can be inoculated in the things of God: e.g. become immune to them - like children who have grown up in a household who have been taught the things of God - there must come a time when there must be personal conversion. As adult believers we must be wary of having a form of godliness but denying its power.

Father desires we excel in this grace of giving. 2 Corinthians 8:1-9 is the key passage. See the principles in bookend chapters 7 and 9/10.

Nothing supernatural happens without heart encounter with God first; nothing happens beyond that until the Word on it is established and consolidated in our minds and then, with all things, there must be an application of truth. The first two, even together amount to inoculation/religion without the outworking.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your mind and with all your strength. On every matter this order applies and in this order grace and empowerment reside.