

LESSON 5: Obedience in Giving.

Read pages 18-20 in Giving God's Way

1. In verse 10 of this passage what is one of God's purposes for everyone's salvation?

Ephesians 2:8-10 For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith--and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God-- [9] not by works, so that no one can boast. [10] For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

2. According to the passage below, what do the lighted torches symbolize? What is the consequence of trusting in the torches? Who are you supposed to trust?

Isaiah 50:10-11 Who among you fears the LORD and obeys the word of his servant? Let him who walks in the dark, who has no light, trust in the name of the LORD and rely on his God. [11] But now, all you who light fires and provide yourselves with flaming torches, go, walk in the light of your fires and of the torches you have set ablaze. This is what you shall receive from my hand: You will lie down in torment.

3. According to the passage below, does God need what we give Him? Why does every person need to give back to God?

Psalms 50:9-10 I have no need of a bull from your stall or of goats from your pens, [10] for every animal of the forest is mine, and the cattle on a thousand hills.

Acts 17:24-25 "The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by hands. [25] And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything, because he himself gives all men life and breath and everything else.

4. According to the passage below:

1 Timothy 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. [18] Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. [19] In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

What is uncertain?

What is certain?

What two ways does God promise to provide for the obedient?

God cannot lie. What do you know about the promise given above in 1 Timothy 6?

Hebrews 6:18 God did this so that, by two unchangeable things in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled to take hold of the hope offered to us may be greatly encouraged.

Mark 9:24 Immediately the boy's father exclaimed, "I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief!"