

Necessary Shifts
To Become More Like Jesus



## We May Need A Shift In What We Give

- God wants us more than our money.
- We must give ourselves first.
- (2 Corinthians 8:5).
- When we first give ourselves, everything else will fall into place; when we don't give ourselves first, nothing will fall into place.
- Remember, investment determines interest.





#### We May Need A Shift In How We Give

- "Give till it hurts?"
- Not at all! God loves a cheerful giver.
  - (2 Corinthians 9:7).
- The Greek word for "cheerful" is (hilaros) from which we get the English word "hilarious."
- Give "hilariously!"
- When we give out of love and not out of obligation, we find the joy in it.





### We May Need A Shift In How Much We Give

- "Every little bit helps" is a lie that is sometimes used to salve our consciences.
- Sometimes, what is needed is great sacrifice, and a "little bit" is useless.
- (Acts 4:33-37).
- (1 Corinthians 16:1-2).





#### We May Need A Shift In Whose Money It Is

- Ours vs. His.
- Stewardship vs. Ownership.
- (Psalm 24:1).
- (Matthew 25:14-30).
- (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).
- (Galatians 2:20).
- (Philippians 1:21-23).





# God Is Concerned About Our Stewardship

(Luke 12:16-21)

(James 5:1-3)

