



## Break The Cycle of Fear – Message 3

### Announcements



Our small groups have started praying daily for the highly anticipated Spiritual Emphasis Series called *Born For This*. Join 1,000 individuals for 1 minute a day until Jan 15<sup>th</sup>! **Email [prayer@churchoftheking.com](mailto:prayer@churchoftheking.com)** to receive daily emails with scripture and a prayer point.

**Step Two – Essentials** // Sunday, November 13th at 12:45pm// LCC Annex, SSC Offices and GCC. Learn how to develop essential habits that every believer needs to become a fully devoted follower of Jesus Christ. Water Baptism Class will be held during this step. [ChurchoftheKing.com/register](http://ChurchoftheKing.com/register).

### Warm-up

Think of a time when someone gave you an unexpected gift, how did it make you feel? What's the best part of giving to others?

### Word and Application

The third and final message of the series focuses on *Breaking the Cycle of Fear*. Did you know our spending and giving habits can be driven by emotions in ways in which we may not be aware. In fact, these habits are often established from our parents. *Fear* is the greatest emotion that prevents us from giving. Why do you think giving is God's desire for us?

**Read Acts 20:35 & Proverbs 3:9-10.** By give offerings over and above the tithe, we break out of the cycle of fear and tap into the supernatural cycle and biblical principle of seedtime and harvest. Why is it good to be generous? Share a time when you over came fear or uncertainty to give to others.

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:6, Genesis 8:22 & Galatians 6:7.** The biblical principle of seedtime and harvest is something we participate in all areas of life. What we sow, we will harvest. If we sow kindness, we reap kindness; if we so bitterness, we reap bitterness. If you want a different harvest in your life, you need to plant different seeds. How have you seen the biblical principle of seedtime work in your life or in the lives of others?

When it comes to money, your offerings make a big impact in the lives of people. Everyone has different passions, what is your passion? Where do you love to give? If money was not a hindrance, where would you sow first?

## What is your legacy?

As we give generously, the delight of God's pleasure in our life stirs up emotions within us that are not released until we display generosity. Why do you think God is pleased with generous giving?

There are three reasons we typically give:

1. We love God.
2. We love people.
3. We need a harvest.

**Read Psalm 112:1-7.** A legacy is where our life **lives beyond our days**. People who leave a great legacy do not fear the future. They welcome it and sow towards it. What character traits does this passage of scripture describe of someone who lives a life of legacy?

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:9.** A legacy is graciously **giving to something that will outlive you**. Giving of your time and talents are a part of that. Name an area that is easy for you to be generous. Examples can be finances, resources, time, skills, words of encouragement, etc. Which areas do you feel God wants you to demonstrate more generosity?

**Read 2 Corinthians 9:11-12. Live so your life outlives you.** Live in a way that makes a difference beyond your time on earth. Our goal isn't to live on earth forever, but to leave something that does.

### The Four Lanes of Legacy Giving:

1. Building Projects Lane
2. Student Ministries Lane
3. Local Outreach Lane
4. Global Missions Lane

Which action steps or change of perspective do you need to take this week? Seek God's direction then begin to give more generously in those areas he reveals to you.

## Prayer

Ask God to help us view generosity according to His purpose and plan. Pray for the courage and wisdom to apply biblical steps towards sowing and reaping. As you commit to doing your part, boldly seek God's to break the cycle of fear in every area of your life. Pray for specific needs of the group.