



BIBLICAL STEWARDSHIP

On April 17 Mark Atencio kicked off the series "Giving that Feels Good" in our Sunday morning adult Bible class. The first class titled, "We are Trustees," focused on key Biblical Stewardship Principles we should use in maintaining, acquiring, or giving our possessions. Here are some Biblical principles to unlock the joy God wants us to experience in Christian giving:

- **Faithfulness**- Our faithfulness with the material gifts of God have a direct impact on our spiritual condition. James 4:1-3
- **Allegiance**- Man must choose whom to serve: The Given or The Giver.
- **Accountability**- Accountability implies judgment, but judgment can be positive. God knows our intentions when we give. Malachi 3:8-9.
- **Contentment**- Contentment, not contempt! Contentment = satisfaction, happiness, ease and pleasure. Contempt = disdain, dislike, disapproval. I Tim 6:6
- **Priority with Action**- If our goals and priorities are on accumulating physical wealth, our spiritual health will not increase. Matthew 6:19-21.

OUR GOALS

Seed.....	\$500,000
Harvest.....	\$750,000
Miracle.....	\$1,000,000

VICTORY BANQUET

The Gateway Victory Banquet is finally here! We look forward to seeing everyone this Sunday night, May 1, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. We will be in the Trilogy Clubhouse. This will be a wonderful time to come together as a family and celebrate our abundant blessings. We will also hear from various members of the Steering Committee giving us updates on the progress of the Capital Stewardship Program. You may drop off the children one year old through 5th grade at Higley Elementary for their special Children's Party as early as 5:30 p.m. We look forward to this special Gateway event.

TWO REMINDERS

1. **Turn in your commitment cards** to the person who visited you, an elder, or the mailbox at the back of the building as soon as possible.
2. **The Victory Banquet volunteers** have had difficulty reaching some of you at home. If you did not receive a call and wish to attend, please call Karen Yeager (883-9289) or Carolyn Abbey (857-1668).

OUR WEBSITE

For more information and continuous updates, please visit our website. Chris Gill has done an incredible job creating and updating the website!

www.gatewaysmiracle.com



TITHES, OFFERINGS AND ALMS

In the adult Bible class this Sunday, Mark reviewed types of Biblical giving and reminded us that God loves us when we cheerfully give. Nowadays the tithe (or 10% contribution of all our increase) is to be considered a standard or example of where our giving should start. Giving can be:

- **Church Contribution-** as an example a tenth of what passes under your rod go to the Lord's storeroom- or the church.
- **Offerings-** may go to the church or other ministries as God directs you.
- **Alms-** given to the poor.

In conclusion our giving should be done cheerfully. Here are a few closing thoughts:

- Christian giving is a supernatural act of God in our lives.
- It is God's grace and love that will give us the ability to give and share according to what He's given us.
- Christian giving is to be more:
 - Delight than drudgery
 - Privilege than pressure
 - Anticipation than anxiety.

Next week Mark's lesson is on "Belonging to a Fellowship." Class begins at 9:30 sharp, so get there on time to come in with your donut and coffee!

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

May 1	Victory Banquet 6:00 p.m. Trilogy Clubhouse <i>Please plan to attend!</i>
May 8-14	Commitment Visits
May 15	Victory Sunday
May 22	Commitment Giving Begins

KINGDOM ASSIGNMENT

This Sunday we heard from Charlene Butler and Deanna Gray. Charlene sent out letters to tell others about the work here at Gateway. Some who received letters sent money to the campaign. Deanna bought baking goods and made cookies. She delivered these cookies to neighbors, sharing the good news of Jesus and the work at Gateway. Both ladies used their funds to open doors and discuss the gospel with others. We have three more people still on Kingdom Assignments and will hear from them in the upcoming weeks. Pray the kingdom will be furthered by their efforts.

STEERING COMMITTEE

Kyle Wewe	<i>Program Director</i>
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