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Luke 12:48

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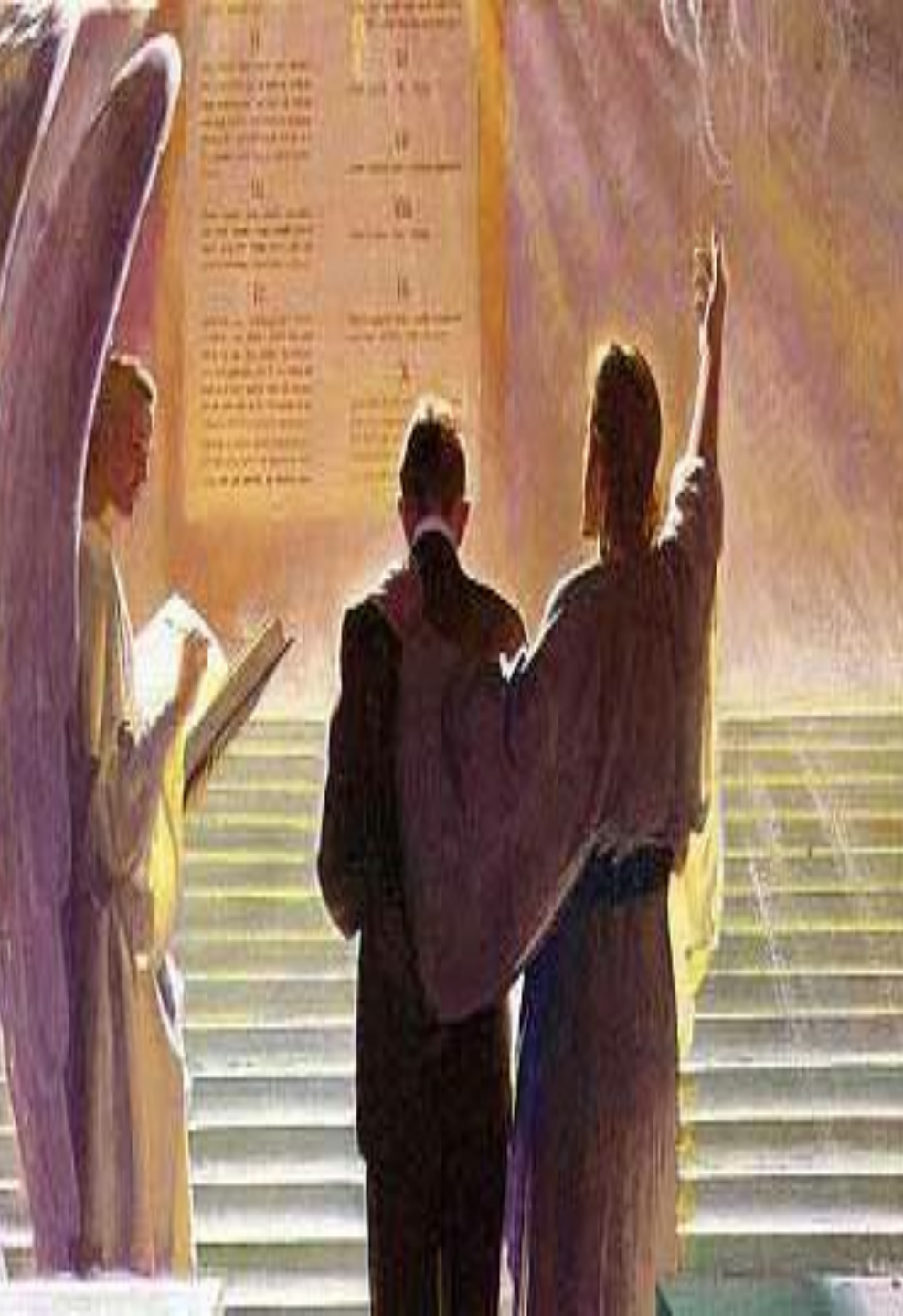
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WHY Are You Here ?





**“That the end of our
lives may be
Christian, without
pain, blameless and
peaceful,
and for a
GOOD ACCOUNT
BEFORE THE
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OF CHRIST”**

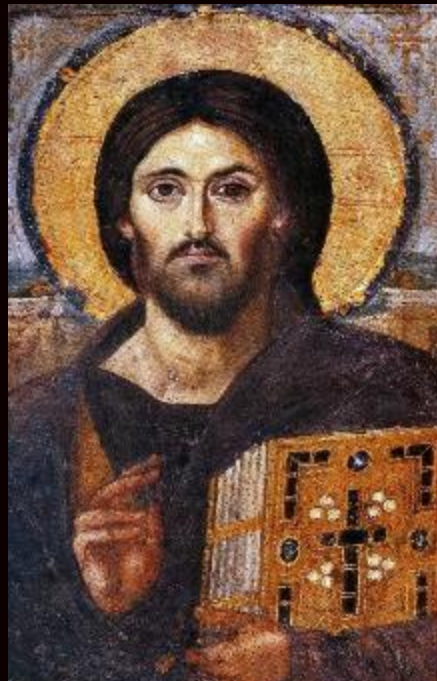
**2 Corinthians 5:10
Orthodox Divine Liturgy**

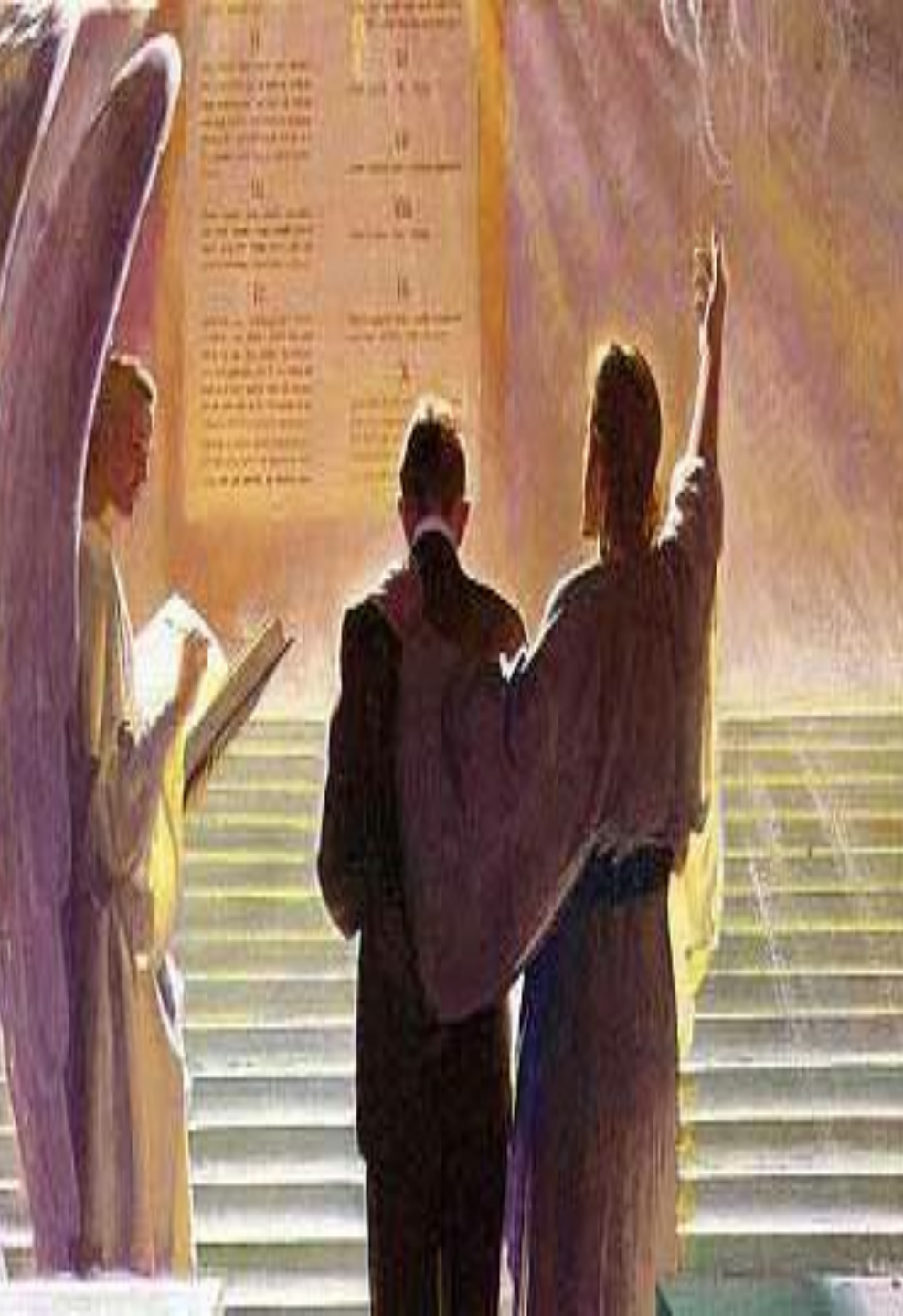
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“What did You do with MY Church under Your watch given all of the gifts I gave You?”





How are we doing
at preparing for
ourselves:

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The PRE-COVID Giving Facts¹



- ~ People are giving a lower percent of income to their churches in the 2000's than they did either during the Great Depression or the 1920's
- ~ 37% of church goers give \$0 to their church
- ~ 17% of families have reduced the church gifts
- ~ Orthodox Parish median proxy tithe analysis shows our stewards typically only give between 0.5% to 0.8% of their income (not 10%)²

¹ Christian Stewardship Association; Barna Research Group; Empty Tomb; Giving USA Foundation, <https://nonprofitssource.com/online-giving-statistics/church-giving/>, Stewardship Calling Financial Stewardship Analysis of over 250 parishes

² From Financial Stewardship Analysis of over 250 U.S. Orthodox Parishes conducted by Stewardship Calling ministry



The PRE-COVID Giving Facts¹



U.S. Orthodox Christians are in the:

(a) top third in annual income

(b) bottom third in annual giving to their churches

¹ Pew Forum income data compared against Financial Stewardship Analysis of over 250 U.S. Orthodox Parishes conducted by Stewardship Calling ministry

Science of Generosity Studies

<https://generosityresearch.nd.edu/>

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Current studies of generosity come from many different and often disconnected disciplines and focus on various terms, such as philanthropy, volunteerism and altruism. The Science of Generosity initiative aims to bring together diverse approaches in order to create a field for the study of generosity in all its forms.



Why the Science of Generosity?

Generosity in the News

15 March

Wisconsin Public Radio: Just How Generous Are Americans Really?

22 February

"American Generosity Who Gives and Why"

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Generosity & Attachment



2 Big Ideas From The Science of Generosity Studies



- 1. People decide whether they will be a generous giver at an early age (your age now)**
- 2. Reinforced by years of generosity, it becomes a habit and is cemented in your adult behaviors**



Today's Life Changing Idea



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Today's Life Changing Idea



It's Not Yours
It's God's

**“You received without paying,
give without pay.”**

Matthew 10:8



STEWARDSHIP
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The Stewardship Calling Stewardship Definition



STEWARDSHIP
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Stewardship...

...what you do with ALL
the gifts God gave you



The Parable of Generosity



Featured in all 4 Gospels

Matthew 14:13 Mark 6:31

Luke 9:12 John 6:1-14





The Parable of Generosity



“There is a lad here who has five barley loaves and two small fish, but what are they among so many.”



John 6:9



“But this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly; and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. *(2 Corinthians 9: 6-8)*





“For everyone to whom much is given, from him much will be required; and to whom much has been committed, of him they will ask the more.” *(Luke 12:48)*

“Every man shall give as he is able, according to the blessings the Lord your God gave you.”

(Deuteronomy 16:17)

Message:

Proportional giving



**“On the first day of the week
(i.e., Sunday) let each one of you
lay something aside, storing up
as he may prosper ...I will
send... your gift to Jerusalem”
(i.e., the Church center at that time)
*(1 Corinthians 16:2-3)***

Message:

Weekly giving

Proportional giving

Giving for the work of the Church



“Command those who are rich... not to be haughty, nor to trust in uncertain riches... Let them do good, that they be rich in good works, ready to give, willing to share, storing up for themselves a good foundation for the time to come, that they may lay hold on eternal life.” *(1 Timothy 6:17-19)*

Message:

Basis for link between stewardship, spiritual growth and ultimately salvation



The Parable of the Talents



“Well done, good and faithful servant; you have been faithful over a little, I will set you over much.”



(Matthew 25:14-30)



Matthew 19:16-26 Stewardship Card

Stewardship Pledge Card

Step 1: How much do you make? \$ _____

Step 2: Send it all in.



The Rich Young Man



Matthew 19:16-26



The Rich Young Man



~ The question: “What good deed must I do to have eternal life?”

~ The Answer: “*If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come follow me.*”



**Are you
prepared to
go ALL IN?**



Luke 16:11



“And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth,



...who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?”





**It will get easier
once we get it right
with
the Fourth T...**

Tithe





The Tithe



MALACHI 3:10

BRING THE WHOLE TITHE INTO THE STOREHOUSE, THAT THERE MAY BE FOOD IN MY HOUSE. TEST ME IN THIS," SAYS THE LORD ALMIGHTY, "AND SEE IF I WILL NOT THROW OPEN THE FLOODGATES OF HEAVEN AND POUR OUT SO MUCH BLESSING THAT YOU WILL NOT HAVE ROOM ENOUGH FOR IT.



Tithing Is The Right Answer (not just in the Old Testament)



“Woe to you scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you pay the tithe... and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faith.

These you ought to have done without leaving the others undone”

Matthew 23:23



Tithing Is The Right Answer (not just in the Old Testament)



**“If there was a danger then
(in the Old Testament) in
omitting tithes, think how
great it must be now!”**



**St. John Chrysostom, Homily on Ephesians
2:10 - Nicene and Post-Nicene Fathers,
Volume XIII First series, p.69**

How Do I Get Started?

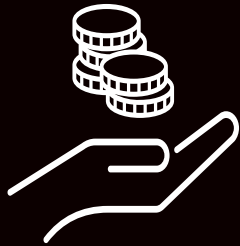




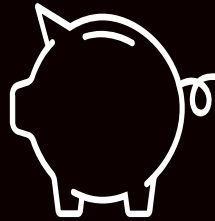
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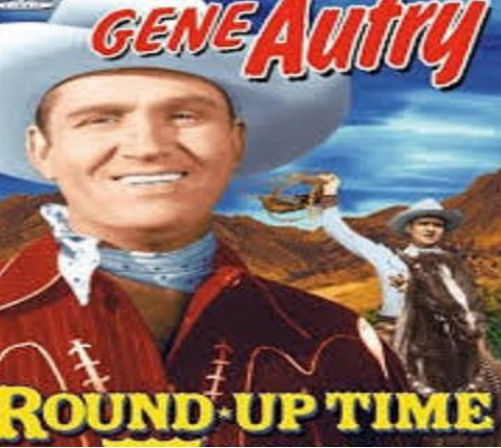


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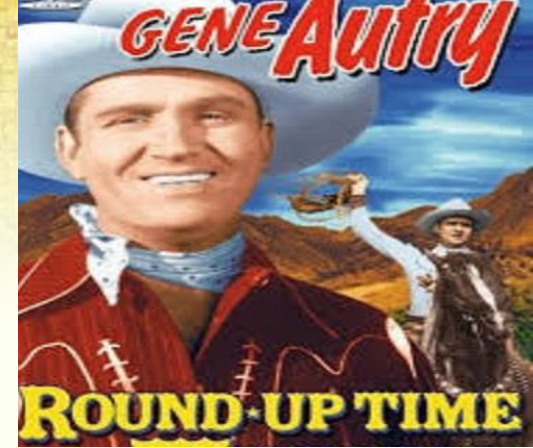


The rest of you life, live by the **10/10/80 RULE**

- ~ **GIVE** the first 10% of your income as your tithe
- ~ **SAVE** the second 10% of your income for retirement or emergencies
- ~ **LIVE** on the remaining 80% of your income



Implement The Round Up



1. Calculate what % of your income you gave to the church last year rounded to one decimal point (e.g., 0.8%)
2. This year, “round up” your stewardship contribution to the next highest whole number percent of income (e.g., 1%)
3. The following year, “round up” your stewardship by 1% more
4. Repeat each year until you reach at least 10%

homework

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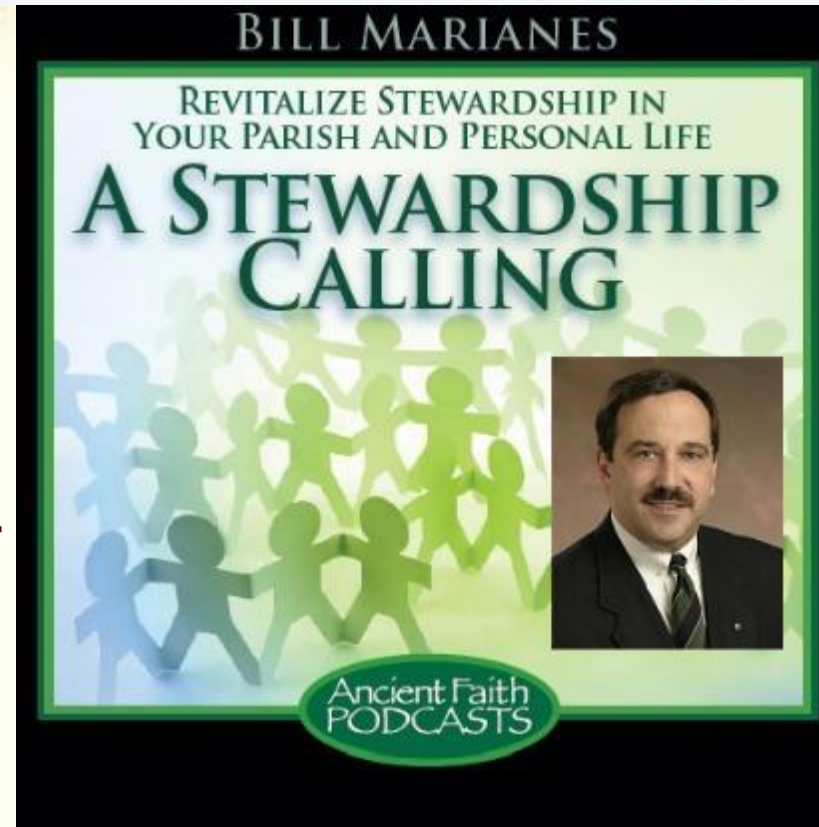
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Sunday,
December 30, 2018



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Stewardship Calling

What are you doing with all of the gifts God has given you?

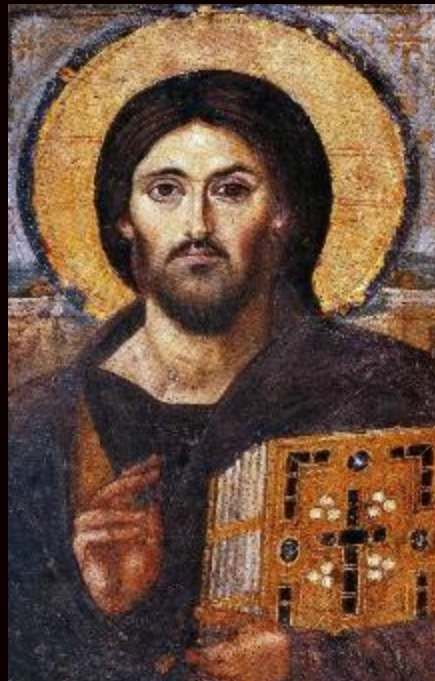
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Your Every Day Question

“What did I do for CHRIST’S Church under my watch given all of the gifts HE gave me?”





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