

Contribute to God's Kingdom

Spiritual DNA #4 – Pastor Gary Combs – 10/18/15 – Matthew 20:25-28

Why do we need to move from being consumers to contributors?

- **Because God** _____.
- **Because what God has** _____.

Matthew 20:25-28 (ESV) ²⁵But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

How to commit to contribute to God's Kingdom: (F.A.T.)

1. Be F _____.

Hebrews 3:2 (CEV) Jesus was faithful to God, who appointed him...

1 Corinthians 4:2 (ESV) Moreover, it is required of stewards that they be found faithful.

Three areas where God tests our faithfulness:

2. Be A _____.

Matthew 20:30-34 (NIV) Two blind men were sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was going by, they shouted, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" The crowd rebuked them and told them to be quiet, but they shouted all the louder, "Lord, Son of David, have mercy on us!" **Jesus stopped** and called them. "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked. "Lord," they answered, "we want our sight." Jesus had compassion on them and touched their eyes. Immediately they received their sight and followed him.

Proverbs 3:28 (CEV) Don't tell your neighbor to come back tomorrow, if you can help today.

Three common barriers:

1st Barrier:

2nd Barrier:

3rd Barrier:

3. Be T _____.

Mark 9:35 (ESV) And he sat down and called the twelve. And he said to them, "If anyone would be first, he must be last of all and servant of all."

Philippians 2:3-5 (NIV84) Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility consider others better than yourselves. Each of you should look not only to your own interests, but also to the interests of others. Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus