

# The Glamorous Life

*“If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities. And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven? And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own? “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.” The Pharisees, who dearly loved their money, heard all this and scoffed at him. Then he said to them, “You like to appear righteous in public, but God knows your hearts. What this world honors is detestable in the sight of God.” Luke 16:10-15 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** Have you ever thought that when you begin making more money, then you would be able to give more to the church? If you aren’t willing to give now, do you honestly believe that you will give if you begin making more money in the future?

How can I start being financially faithful to God?

1. Start setting aside a specific amount of money to help build God’s kingdom.

*You must each make up your own mind as to how much you should give. Don’t give reluctantly or in response to pressure. For God loves the person who gives cheerfully. 2 Corinthians 9:7 NLT*

Why I set aside 10% of my income and designate it to Sandals Church:

- a. Tithing is clearly taught throughout the scriptures

*You should tithe... Matthew 23:23 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** What reason do you have for why you wouldn't want to tithe to the church?

- b. Tithing is blessed by God

*Bring all the tithes... If you do," says the LORD Almighty, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Let me prove it to you! Malachi 10 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** Are you looking for more of God's blessings? Do you believe He will bless you when you tithe? What do you fear will happen if you really tithed the full 10% of your income?

c. Tithing keeps my priorities straight

*Bring this tithe to the designated place of worship—the place the LORD your God chooses for his name to be honored.... Doing this will teach you always to fear the LORD your God. Deuteronomy 14:23 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** In what way are you keeping your spiritual priorities straight? What's the difficulty in letting go of the wealth you have?

d. The Local Church needs it to survive

*Don't you know that those who work in the Temple get their meals from the food brought to the Temple as offerings? And those who serve at the altar get a share of the sacrificial offerings. In the same way, the Lord gave orders that those who preach the Good News should be supported by those who benefit from it. 1 Corinthians 9:13,14 NLT*

**DISCUSSION:** Without tithing, how do you think the church would survive? What reason do you have for why you shouldn't financially support the church? Do you ever feel yourself thinking that people with more money or just other people in general will take care of it and so you don't have to worry about it? Why?

2. Start praying and asking God to bless you financially so that you can build God's house and not your own kingdom

*You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, to spend it on your passions.  
James 4:2-3 ESV*

**DISCUSSION:** How would you want God to bless you? How are you willing to bless God's kingdom first?

**DISCUSSION:** In what way can you begin to be faithful in the little things? How can you better invest into your eternal future?

**PRAYER PROJECT:** Spend approximately 5-7 minutes alone with God and talk to him about your fears about giving to the church? What are you afraid will happen if you began giving 10% of your income? Now spend another 5-7 minutes to sit and listen to what He has to say about how you should respond to this message? Share with the group.