

Financial

SECURITY



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Offering & Tithes

Offering TALK#4

TITLE: Financial Security

Scripture Passage: Proverbs 19:17, NRSV

We will worship God with our giving in just a few minutes. If you have not prepared your gift, feel free to do so now. If you have already given online, thank you for your generosity.

We hear a lot about security these days: national security, Social Security and, especially, financial security. What if our thinking about security and money is upside down?

We tend to think that the more money we save, the more secure our future will be. The heftier our financial portfolio, the better we can ride out stock market storms. That is not how God sees it. Sure, Scripture praises wise planning as a way to prepare for the future. So is something else – generous giving.

Solomon put it this way: “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.” (Proverbs 19:17)

When we give generously to help those in need, we lend our money to God to use as God sees fit. It is as if we are investing with the Maker of all things.

Imagine having God committed to repaying you for your generosity. You need no Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. for your investment with God. You need not wonder if God’s promises will fail in a bank crisis. You can give generously and confidently to empower those in need because you know the God who owns it all will repay you – guaranteed.

Now that is what I call true security.

If we would invest generously together as God would have us do, how much more could God accomplish through us? As

Scripture (Ephesians 3:20) tells us, God “is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.”

Today, let us invest in God’s work with true security, knowing that, together, we can do more.

Abbreviated **VERSION**

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We will worship God with our giving in just a few minutes, but first, let us think for a moment about security.

We tend to think a lot about financial security, assuming that the more money we save, the more secure our future will be.

What if God sees security differently?

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Bullet Points

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- Prepare to worship God with our giving.
- We think a lot about security: national security, Social Security, financial security.
- We believe that the more we save, the more secure our future will be.
- God sees it differently. Scripture praises wise planning, but also **generous giving**.
- Solomon tells us, “Whoever is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and will be repaid in full.” (Proverbs 19:17)
- **Giving generously to those in need is lending money to God to use as God sees fit.**
- We can give confidently because God repays our generosity – guaranteed. That is true security.
- Invest generously today in God’s work, so that, together, we can do more.



- Choose a way your local church is investing in God's work and highlight it. Remind your congregation of God's promise to repay them with blessings far greater than any earthly treasure.
- Connect this illustration with God's global interests by sharing how your church's local giving multiplies through connectional giving with The United Methodist Church.

Peace with Justice Sunday is a United Methodist Special Sunday offering that supports programs that advocate peace and justice at home and around the world. Your gift to the annual offering makes an enormous difference in many lives. Together, we can do more as The United Methodist Church addresses diverse issues such as immigration, economic empowerment, nutrition, peace, racial justice and leadership development.

<http://www.umcsgiving.org/ministry-articles/peace-with-justice-sunday>

Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." The **World Communion Sunday** offering makes education and vocational impact possible for gifted and qualified students from around the globe, allowing them to become the world-changers God created them to be. The people of The United Methodist Church believe God created and gifted all of God's children to build the kingdom Jesus ushered in. Together, our giving provides more opportunities for many deserving students to have the resources they need to succeed. Our giving on World Communion Sunday enables the most powerful tool to change the world – education.

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