

LESSON 11 — PLANNING

1. FOUNDATION: GOD IS A GOD OF ORDER

- God is deliberate and intentional
- His planning leads to smooth execution
- More than efficiency, His planning reveals His character

- IMPACT:

- The sinner feels:
 - Significant
 - Prepared for
 - Prayed over

- PRINCIPLE:

- God does not react—He plans

2. THE GREATEST EXAMPLE OF PLANNING: SALVATION

- John 3:16

- The Father gave His Son
- The Son gave Himself

- PURPOSE:

- That we might have eternal life
- That sin might be eradicated

- PRINCIPLE:

- Salvation is a planned gift, not an afterthought

3. THE PLAN OF REDEMPTION WAS PREDETERMINED

- Revelation 13:8

- “The Lamb slain from the foundation of the world”
- Greek insight:
 - Planned from the beginning

- TRUTH:

- Salvation was pre-decided, organized, and deliberate

- IMPACT:

- We are not an accident
- We are known, valued, and planned for

- PRINCIPLE:

- This is not the panic of salvation—it is the plan of salvation

4. APPLYING GOD’S MODEL TO GIVING

- 2 Corinthians 9:6

- “Sow sparingly... reap sparingly”
- “Sow bountifully... reap bountifully”
- “Sparingly” (Greek: pheidomenos):
 - Stingy mindset
 - Ungiving heart

- CLARIFICATION:

- God does not require giving beyond ability
- Tithe belongs to God (Malachi 3)

- INSIGHT:

- The ability to tithe proves God has already provided

- PRINCIPLE:

- Giving is not reckless—it is thoughtful and intentional

5. PURPOSEFUL GIVING

- 2 Corinthians 9:7

- “As he purposeth in his heart”
- Greek: prohaireomai
 - Decided beforehand
 - Determined in advance

- PRINCIPLE:

- Giving should be planned, not impulsive

- CONNECTION:

- Just as God planned to give Christ
- We are to plan our giving

6. BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF PURPOSE

- Daniel 1:8
 - Daniel purposed in his heart not to defile himself
- Job 31:1
 - Job made a covenant with his eyes

- PRINCIPLE:

- Decisions made beforehand guide behavior

- APPLICATION:

- Giving should reflect the same intentional commitment

7. PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY IN GIVING

- 2 Corinthians 9:7
- “Every man...”

- PRINCIPLE:

- Giving is personal
- Based on individual capacity

- RESULT:

- Removes comparison
- Eliminates competition
- Prevents performance-based righteousness

8. PROPORTIONAL GIVING

- 2 Corinthians 8:3–4
- The believers gave:

- According to their ability
- Willingly
- Even beyond expectation
- **PRINCIPLE:**
 - Giving is measured by proportion, not amount

9. THE WIDOW'S EXAMPLE

- **Mark 12:41–44**
- The widow gave two mites
- Others gave from abundance
- She gave from lack
- Greek insight (echo):
 - All she had
 - All she was able
- **PRINCIPLE:**
 - She gave less in amount
 - But more in proportion
- **INSIGHT:**
 - She purposed in her heart what to give

10. FINAL PRINCIPLES OF PLANNED GIVING

- Giving is not about amount
 - It is about the heart
- Giving is not accidental
 - It is purposeful
- Giving is not comparison
 - It is personal
- **FINAL TRUTH:**
 - Giving reflects the character of God
 - A God who planned to give Himself