

SERMON SERIES for Fall, 2008 (8 Powerful Messages)

Based on the book, *Giving to God* by Mark Allan Powell

INTRODUCTION: Getting Completely Wet – Baptismal Stewardship

September 7, 2008 – Pentecost 17

TEXT: (2ND LESSON) Romans 13:8-14 (Theme: *Love fulfills the heart of the law – our baptism calls us to put on the Lord Jesus Christ daily – that is our stewardship*)

I. An Act of Worship

September 14, 2008 – Pentecost 18

TEXT: (2ND LESSON) Romans 14:1-12 (Theme: *Rather than passing judgment on what people do or don't do, focus on your own giving as an act of worship*)

II. An Expression of Faith

September 21, 2008 – Pentecost 19

TEXT: (GOSPEL) Matthew 20:1-16 (Theme: *God's generosity is endless - God continues to bless us in faith, not because of what we have earned or think we deserve – our giving and stewardship is an expression of that faith*)

III. Our Duty and Delight – Talking about Money in the Church

September 28, 2008 – Pentecost 20

TEXT: (GOSPEL) Matthew 21:23-32 (Theme: *Authority – where does it come from? What gives us the “authority” to address the issue of money in the church?*)

IV. Faithful Living

October 5, 2008 – Pentecost 21

TEXT: (2ND LESSON) Philippians 3:4b-14 (Theme: *Pressing on toward the goal of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus – God's goal for us is to be faithful in our stewardship and in the living of our lives*)

V. Faithful Giving

October 12, 2008 – Pentecost 22

TEXT: (2ND LESSON) Philippians 4:1-9 (Theme: *Giving thanks in all circumstances – keep on doing the things you have learned and received and heard and seen in me . . . FAITHFUL GIVING!*)

VI. Support and Sacrifice

October 19, 2008 – Pentecost 23

TEXT: (GOSPEL) Matthew 22:15-22 (Theme: *Giving to Caesar and Giving to God – they are both aspects of our lives and require both our support and our sacrifice*)

VII. How Much Should I Give?

October 26, 2008 – Reformation Sunday

TEXT: (GOSPEL) John 8:31-36 (Theme: *Tithing is not a mandate or a requirement – instead, tithing gives us a new freedom – we are free to give . . . free to live*)