

Generous Love: Navigating The Season Of Giving

- John 3:16-19- *"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, & people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil."*

1. God Didn't Give To Look Generous, But Because He Is Generous

- Acts 20:35b- *"remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"*

2. God Didn't Give To Win Our Love, But Because Of His Love

- **Culture Cares About Getting Because Of Giving...**
- Ephesians 2:4-5- *"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love w/ which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together w/ Christ--by grace you have been saved"*
- Deuteronomy 7:6-8 *"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you & chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples but it is because the Lord loves you"*
- Romans 5:8- *"but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us."*
- John actually says that this is how we can define love...
- 1 John 4:10- *"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us & sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."*

3. God Didn't Give Us What We Wanted, But What We Needed

- Hebrews 13:5- *"Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'"*