



Coast Hills Community Church • Year End Giving

As we rapidly approach the end of 2011, I wanted to remind each of you that year-end giving is critical to our annual budget. As you might imagine, December is the largest month of giving in our calendar year. This year we are trusting God for the greatest giving of all and are excited about putting your generous gifts to use towards Kingdom building initiatives through the various ministries of Coast Hills.

PLEASE NOTE: *A check deposited in the offering in January 2012 cannot be deducted in 2011, even if it is backdated to 2011. Checks that are mailed to the Church and postmarked by December 31, 2011 are deductible in 2011 even though not received by the Church until 2012.*

GIVE AT ANY OF THE WEEKEND SERVICES

The most common way to give to Coast Hills is by check. Simply make your check out to Coast Hills and drop it in the offering basket as it passes or in one of the secure offering boxes at the back of the auditorium and in the lobby. If giving by credit card or cash, please complete the information on the offering envelope, seal the envelope and place in the offering.

GIVE ON-LINE

Some find it more convenient to give online by credit card or e-check. You can give by credit card or e-check through our **secure website** at www.coasthillschurch.org/giving.

Please note: *Gifts given through the website must be initiated by December 30 to qualify for 2011 deductions.*

GIVE SECURITIES

You may wish to consider gifts of securities. Just call the church office at 949-362-0079, and ask for Barry Fager at extension 222 to learn more.

Please note: *Gifts of securities are deductible in 2011 if they are received into our brokerage account by December 31. Please instruct your broker to initiate the transfer in a timely manner to make sure we receive the gift by year end.*

Again, our ability to change people's lives with the Gospel message of Jesus Christ is impacted greatly by your generous and sacrificial gifts and I am personally grateful to you for your trust in our stewardship of your investment to the Lord for the expansion of His Kingdom.

Blessings in Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ken Bauf". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Pastor Ken

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Please take some time and use the following guide to further discover God's perspective on giving.

I. HOW TO "EXCEL" IN THE GRACE OF GIVING

Adapted from "*The Treasure Principle: Unlocking the Secret of Joyful Giving*" by Randy Alcorn

1. I need to remember that **I give first and foremost to God** (2 Corinthians 8:5) as an act of worship.
2. I need to remember that **everything** I have is from God; He has blessed me with all good things. (See Psalm 24:1; Haggai 2:8; Deut. 8:18; 1 Cor. 6:19-20 & James 1:17)
3. I need to remember that I am a steward of **God's resources** not my own. When I give, I am in essence giving away God's money to accomplish God's work. (See Matthew 25:15-29)

"A steward manages assets for the owner's benefit. The steward carries no sense of entitlement to the assets he manages. It's his job to find out what the owner wants done with his assets, then carry out his will." Randy Alcorn, 25.

4. I need to remember that I will stand before Jesus Christ one day to **give an account** of what I did with my life including how I invested **His resources**. (See Romans 14:10, 12; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15; 2 Corinthians 5:10)
5. I need to remember **that this life is not all there is** and as such I need to be investing in eternity. When I give to the work of God I am literally storing up for my self treasure in heaven and I will be rewarded by Christ. (See Matthew 6:19-21; Matthew 16:2; Hebrews 11:13; 2 Corinthians 5:20; Philippians 3:20)

"God wants your heart. He isn't looking just for 'donors' for His kingdom, those who stand outside the cause and dispassionately consider acts of philanthropy. He's looking for disciples immersed in the causes they give to. He wants people so filled with a vision for eternity that they wouldn't dream of not investing their money, time, and prayers where they will matter most." Randy Alcorn, 45.

6. I need to remember that giving is an act of **obedience**; the Lord asks me to give. (See 2 Corinthians 9:12-13)

II. PLEASE PRAY THROUGH THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS ABOUT GIVING.

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"Father, has the degree of my giving suggested that I have recognized and embraced the full extent of Your grace in my life? Or does it suggest I need to recognize and respond to Your grace in deeper and more heartfelt ways?"
(See 2 Corinthians 8:7,9; 9:15 & Romans 8:32)

"Father, am I honoring You as owner and CEO/CFO of the assets You've entrusted to my care? Or am I treating You as a mere financial consultant, to whom I pay a fee (2 percent, 10 percent, or...)? Have I been acting as if I own the store and You work for me, rather than recognizing that You own it and I work for You?"
(See Leviticus 25:23; Deuteronomy 10:14 and 1 Chronicles 29:11-12)