



Sermon Study Questions  
Week of November 20, 2011

**In God We Trust**  
**“The Sucking Sound of Greed”**

Pastor Bob Botsford

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**Main Scripture:** 2 Corinthians 9

**Referenced Scripture:** Matthew 6:21, Proverbs 11:24-25, Ecclesiastes 5:10-11, Psalm 10:3-4, 1 John 2:28-29

**OPEN:**

1. What in particular spoke to you from Pastor Bob’s message?
2. In what way is greed the result of believing there is no life after death?

**DIG DEEPER:**

1. In **2 Corinthians 9:5** Paul makes mention of giving as a matter of generosity versus a grudging obligation. How would you make the distinction between these types of giving? How have you experienced both in your own life?
2. Explain the principle of sowing and reaping in **2 Corinthians 9:6**. How have you seen both the positive and negative application of this principle? How does the teaching of Jesus in **Matthew 6:19-21** help clarify things for you?
3. What does **2 Corinthians 9:7-8** teach us about God’s heart regarding giving and the giver? What new insight does this give you into your own giving?
4. Pastor Bob taught us when it comes to our finances and giving we should choose *Quality* vs. *Quantity*, *Know our greatest investment*, *Establish eternal values*, and *Know from where our true value come*. In your own words explain the significance of each.
5. In what way does **Proverbs 11:24-25** give us a picture of the selfish vs. the selfless, and the stingy vs. the generous? How does this scripture speak to your own heart?
6. What insight can you glean from **Ecclesiastes 5:10-11** with regard to the proper perspective of money?

**REFLECT:**

1. Truth be told, just how greedy have you been in the past? And now?
2. The world says to hold on to all you have, and God says to give it away. To what degree do you think you are conflicted by this understanding?

**MEMORY VERSE:**

**2 Corinthians 9:6**

*“But this I say: He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly,  
and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.”*