

## PERSONAL PEACEMAKING SEMINAR – HOW TO TURN PERSONAL CONFLICT INTO BLESSING

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Center  
10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

All of us know what it is like to experience conflict in the important personal relationships of our lives. God has a plan for how we can deal with such conflict and, in turn, experience the blessings Jesus Christ promised when he said: *“Blessed are the peacemakers...”* (Matthew 5:9)

In this 4 hour Sunday Seminar you will learn about the fundamental problem that causes most conflicts, and how to deal with this problem. You will also discover practical peacemaking principles that will make a real difference in your daily life and relationships. Many people in our church are being blessed by incorporating these peacemaking principles into their lives. You won't want to miss out on this tremendous opportunity to see conflict in your life turned into great blessing.

This Seminar will be led by Jim and Marianne Busche and Gary and Bev Forrest—the Busche's and Forrest's are outstanding and experienced Seminar leaders who have been certified by Peacemakers Ministry.

The Personal Peacemaking Seminar will be held on *Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*, following our first worship service of the morning. There is no charge for this Seminar. Lunch will be served as part of this Seminar, and Child Care will be available.

You may register by signing up at the Peacemakers Table in the courtyard or by calling/emailing Karen at the church office (327-5611 – ext. 101 / [Karen@oursaviors.org](mailto:Karen@oursaviors.org)) When you register, please indicate if you need childcare.

## JOYFUL GENEROSITY A JOYFUL PLAN THAT CANNOT FAIL Biblical Steps to Becoming a Joyful Giver March 15, 2009 SW203

### INTRODUCTION

Two Essentials to Joyful Generosity:

1. A Right \_\_\_\_\_

2 Corinthians 9:7

Each man should give what he has decided **in his heart** to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, **for God loves a cheerful giver.**

•A Heart of FAITH

•A Heart of HOPE

•A Heart of LOVE

2 Corinthians 8:5 (GNT)

It was more than we could have hoped for! **First they gave themselves to the Lord;** and then, by God's will they gave themselves to us as well.

2. A Right \_\_\_\_\_

God's Plan for His Chosen People:  
*Joyful Generosity Through  
The Returning of the Tithe  
and*

*The Giving of Sacrificial Gifts Beyond the Tithe*

## I. GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

### A. Before the Old Testament Law...

ABRAHAM:  
Genesis 14:17-20

JACOB:  
Genesis 28:20-22

### B. Under the Old Testament Law...

Leviticus 27:30

A **tithe of everything** from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, **belongs to the Lord**; it is holy to the Lord.

Numbers 18:24-26

Instead, I give to the Levites as their inheritance the **tithes that the Israelites present as an offering to the Lord**....Speak to the Levites and say to them: "When you receive from the Israelites the tithe I give you as your inheritance, **you must present a tenth** of that tithe as the Lord's offering."

Deuteronomy 14:23 (TLB)

The **purpose of tithing** is to teach you **always to put God first** in your lives.

God Took Tithing Seriously:  
Malachi 3:6-12  
(Page 950 in Pew Bible)

The Giving of Sacrificial Gifts Beyond the Tithe:  
*Exodus 25:1-9; 35:4-19; 36:4-7*  
*Deuteronomy 16:10; 1 Chronicles 29; 2 Chronicles 35:7-9*

## II. GOD'S PLAN FOR HIS CHOSEN PEOPLE IN THE NEW TESTAMENT

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### A. The RETURNING OF THE TITHE...

Matthew 23:23

Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth...but you have neglected the more important matters of the law — justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.

Matthew 5:17

Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them.

### B. The GIVING OF SACRIFICIAL GIFTS Beyond the Tithe

Acts 4:36-37

Joseph, a Levite from Cyprus, whom the apostles called Barnabas (which means Son of Encouragement), sold a field he owned and brought the money and put it at the apostles' feet.

Other Examples in the New Testament:  
Acts 2:44-45; Acts 24:17; 2 Corinthians 8,9

## CONCLUSION