

The Good Shepherd Anglican Church, Edge Hill, Cairns

(10 May 2020)

A Minute from a Minister

For the TGS Family

Today, in our online service, I am speaking on wealth, and there are some things that I thought best not to mention in the online sermon as they are meant only for God's family at TGS, rather than the worldwide web - hence the following. In saying that, perhaps you are reading this and are not part of God's family here; if so, it is ok to read on, as perhaps this might prove helpful for you in your context.

I must admit that I don't know everyone's financial circumstances, but to a degree they probably reflect our own family's circumstances (and extended family). And so, at the moment, there are some of us doing it quite tough financially. There are some of us who are still receiving the same income - not much has changed, except workload. And there are some of us who have received additional monies from the government and are actually earning more than we would normally. Yes, some of us are now on less money, some of us are on the same, and some of us find ourselves receiving more.

I just want to say that we *all* need to honour our Lord with the wealth he has given us, irrespective of what wicket we now find ourselves on. And so, for some, we might be thinking, how can we continue to financially give at the level we have in the past, as our income has been reduced? I know that some of you, who find yourself in this situation, have decided to continue at that level. And so, thank you for the commitment (perhaps sacrifice) you are showing to providing for the gospel work at TGS and beyond.

There are others who find ourselves on the same income we have been on for sometime now (at the moment, this includes myself). Please continue to at least tithe to our Lord (or start), and please continue to give, when prompted by our Lord, a Compassion Offering or Thanksgiving Offering back to him or to someone in need, and where possible, give it anonymously. For example, Sue and I usually give such an offering when we get our annual Solar Rebate and Tax Refund.

And there are some of us who find ourselves receiving more monies than we normally would, either through the two \$750 stimulus payments or \$1500 per fortnight Job Keeper payments. May I encourage you to consider, if you haven't already, how our Lord would want you to use those gifts - gifts that are ultimately from him.

I suppose the bottom line is that in shepherding God's flock here, I just want us all to honour our Lord in what we do with the wealth he continues to give us (Proverbs 3:9), and therefore to walk by faith - trusting in him each step of the way.

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- † Today's Message: The events of 2020 should **cause God's people to examine our wealth**
Rev. Trevor Sagers
- † Today's Bible Readings: Ecclesiastes 5:8-15 and Matthew 6:19-24
- † Online 9am service: www.tgs.org.au OR
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