

Make the Sweet Swap

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INTRODUCTION: Red Paper Clip

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2 Corinthians 8:9 ***For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.***

1. Trade my plans for God's ultimate purpose.
 - 1 Chronicles 28:2 ***King David rose to his feet and said: "Listen to me, my brothers and my people. I had it in my heart to build a house as a place of rest for the ark of the covenant of the LORD, for the footstool of our God, and I made plans to build it.***
 - 1 Chronicles 28:11-12 ***¹¹ Then David gave his son Solomon the plans for the portico of the temple, its buildings, its storerooms, its upper parts, its inner rooms and the place of atonement. ¹² He gave him the plans of all that the Spirit had put in his mind for the courts of the temple of the LORD and all the surrounding rooms, for the treasuries of the temple of God and for the treasuries for the dedicated things.***

2. Trade my stuff to serve others.

- 2 Corinthians 8:12 ***For if the willingness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has, not according to what he does not have.***

- 2 Corinthians 8:13 ***Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality.***

3. Trade my worry for a daily life of worship (worth-ship) of God.

- Luke 12:22-23 ²² ***Then Jesus said to his disciples: "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat; or about your body, what you will wear. ²³ Life is more than food, and the body more than clothes.***

- Luke 12:31 ***...seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well.***

CONCLUSION: Super Bowl Sacrifice

G.P.S. Grow. Pray. Study.

Things I'd like to remember from this week's message:

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Monday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:9*. Sacrifice can be defined as: I give up something I love for something I love even more. What examples of sacrifice have you seen in your life? When have you made such sacrifices? Where might God be calling you to make a sacrifice?

Tuesday: Read *1 Chronicles 28:2 and 28:11-12*. Solomon is known as the great builder of the temple. David trades his heart and his plans so that Solomon can build the temple. When have you had your heart set on a plan and God showed up with a much bigger sense of purpose for your life?

Wednesday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:12*. When does your stuff get in the way of serving others with generosity?

Thursday: Read *2 Corinthians 8:13*. What prevents people from giving a fair portion of their money to the Lord for His work? How crucial do you think it is for Christians to give their money to the church?

Friday: Read *Luke 12:22-23*. What leads you to worry these days? How can you flip that worry into a prayer that worships God?

Saturday: Read *Luke 12:31*. How do you know you are seeking God's kingdom first? What leads you to move God's kingdom from first place in your life? Where do you most need to seek God's kingdom first today?

Going Deeper:

BOOK TO READ: *The Genius of Generosity: Lessons from a Secret Pact between Two Friends* by Chip Ingram.

NEXT WEEK: 1 Chronicles 28:20-21 **Faith: Believe What God Can Do through You**

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