

"CONSCIOUS AND INTENTIONAL MINISTRY: DOING WHO I AM WITH UNDERSTANDING"

Of Issachar, those who had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do... 1 Chronicles 12:32

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TEXT: DEUTERONOMY 8:1-18 / 1 JOHN 3:16, 17

TITLE: I GIVE TO A GIVING GOD: GOD WILL GIVE ME THE POWER TO GAIN WEALTH THAT I MAY ALSO GIVE TO OTHERS

INTRODUCTION: A. Am I individually responsible for my success? B. Therefore, what should be the ultimate outcome of my success? C. Is there a difference between Children of God Children of the Devil 1. Going to church every Sunday \square 2. Participating in ministries 3. Teaching Church School 4. Preaching in the pulpit 5. Giving in the offering \square D. What *is* the difference between children of God and children of the devil? **POSSESSING THE PROMISE** A. What did God do for Israel? 1. Led Israel all the way in the wilderness for forty years 2. Fed Israel with manna 3. Hydrated Israel from rock 4. Israel's clothes did not wear out and your feet did not swell 5. Disciplined Israel – as a parent disciplines a child 6. Brought Israel to a good land a. A land of brooks of water, of fountains and springs, that flow out of valleys and hills b. A land of wheat and barley, of vines and fig trees and pomegranates c. A land of olive oil and honey d. A land in which they ate bread without scarcity, in which they lacked nothing e. A land whose stones *are* iron and out of whose hills they dug copper. B. What did Israel do? C. What did God expect from Israel? To not forget _____ D. What did God do for me? E. What did I do? F. What does God expect from me? To not forget _____ G. What is the evidence that I have not forgotten? 1. By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren [and sisters].

2. But whoever has this world's goods, and sees his brother [and/or sister] in need, and shuts up his [her] heart from him [her], how does the love of God abide in him [her]?