

This Is Love

Making a Lasting Impact

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Giving when we see a need is important, but investing to stop heartache in the first place is even better. Today, we talk about progressing from “intervention” giving to “prevention” giving.

MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- Loving sacrificially like Jesus isn't just a casual add-on to our lives; it's meant to permeate everything we do.
- Thank you to everyone who's stepped up to serve and give during This Is Love month.
- The next step in sacrificial love is to move from being an intervention giver to a prevention giver.
- An intervention giver is someone who sees or hears of a need and they're compelled to give.
- Most of us are intervention givers—we see people suffering and want to do something.
- Prevention givers have the same heart as intervention givers, but they have a proactive plan for consistent, lifestyle-defining generosity.
- Prevention givers understand and capitalize on the opportunity to prevent issues from ever happening in the first place.
- Preventing is so much better than intervening.
- For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. | Colossians 1, vv.13-14
- “The line separating good and evil passes not through states, nor between classes, nor between political parties either—but right through every human heart—and through all human hearts.” | Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn
- A challenge as we conclude This Is Love—go beyond intervention giving and plan to financially support your home church.
- Our giving is important for what God wants to do through us and in us.
- Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out, a treasure in heaven that will never fail, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. | Luke 12, v.33
- For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. | Luke 12, v.34
- The most valuable thing we can give to God is our heart, our priority.
- Ask God to lead you and show you how to plan for more consistent generosity.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Think about your family and the way you grew up. What did you learn about generosity, if anything, either directly or from watching your family?
2. Are you more of an “intervention” giver (give when you see a need), a “prevention” giver (have a proactive plan for generosity), or neither? Why do you think that is?
3. The message discussed how entering into a growing relationship with Jesus prevents people from going down harmful paths. Do you agree? If so, how have you seen that in yours or someone else's life?
4. In what ways could you begin moving toward more preventive and proactive generosity?