

Does It Please God?

Our staff leadership follows a guy called The Stewardship Coach. He writes about giving and raising funds. He told the following story.

Once there was a church that needed to build a new children's wing. They had a pre-school that many in the community used. The new building was going to be expensive and the pastor of the church was encouraging members to faithfully give. That sounds familiar right?

One day a man came to the pastor's office who did not attend that church. He told the pastor that though he and his wife did not attend the church their daughter was in the pre-school there. He related how pleased they were with the care and teaching their daughter was getting. He then handed the pastor a check for the new pre-school building. It was a significant sized check!

The pastor began thanking the man and telling him how pleased he was to receive the gift. I know our leaders will be pleased with this gift as well. As the benefactor was leaving the pastor blurted out, "Let me ask you though, will God be pleased with this gift."

An amazing thing happened. To the shock of the pastor the man took back the check and tore it up in front of him. He then sat down and wrote another check. Handing it to the pastor he said, "This check will please God." **The check was double what the first check was!**

The point here is not the amount of the gift but that it pleased God. Remember the story of the widow's mite in Scripture? It was not the amount of the gift but the sacrifice behind the gift that got Jesus attention. Today as you give the question is not how much will you give? The question is always, **Will your gift please God?**