Impossible Commands

May 15, 2021

Read chapter 9 – Give cheerfully

1. Memorize II Corinthians 9:6-7.

1. What makes the command to give cheerfully impossible?
2. According to I Chronicles 29:14, why should we be cheerful givers?

Why does God give to us so that we can turn around and give back to Him?

1. Read II Corinthians 8:1-15. What challenge is there from the example of the church in Macedonia? What encouragement does Paul give the Corinthians?
2. What is the danger of “guilt-driven obedience” to God’s command of cheerful giving?

What are ways we might be guilted into giving?

1. Why are we so prone to hold on to things rather than give cheerfully?

How is greed an enemy of cheerful giving?

1. How has culture conditioned us to seek after more rather than give generously and cheerfully? Discuss Luke 12:13-21.
2. Discuss this quote from page 145 “the real problem with greed is that as we grab for more in this world, it’s impossible for us to also grab hold of God.”
3. The author suggests that Jesus can save us from the love of possessions. How?

How might the story in Luke 12 have been different had the owner viewed his bounty through the eyes of Jesus?

1. How do the four steps help us obey the command to give cheerfully?

“I can’t” –

“I’m sorry” –

“Please help” –

“Let’s go” –

1. What are some challenges to becoming a cheerful giver?

What are some steps I can take with God’s help to be a cheerful give?

Next month: Impossible Commands – Chapter 10: Be completely humble