Building A Life That Honors God! Hebrews 13:15-16 November 8, 2015

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What Does A Life That Honors God Look Like?

- **1.** A Life That Honors God Praises God <u>CONTINUALLY</u> <u>Hebrews 13:15</u>, <u>Through Jesus</u>, therefore, <u>let us continually</u> offer to God a sacrifice of praise...
- 2. A Life That Honors God Openly Professes <u>JESUS</u>' <u>NAME</u>

<u>Hebrews 13:15</u>, *Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually* offer to God a sacrifice of praise—<u>the fruit of lips that openly</u> profess His name.

3. A Life That Honors God <u>SERVES OTHERS</u>

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Hebrews 10:23, Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for He who promised is faithful. ²⁴ And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵ not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

4. A Life That Honors God Gives <u>GENEROUSLY</u> And <u>SACRIFICIALLY</u>

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How Does Generous And Sacrificial Giving Benefit Our Lives?

• Giving Makes Us More Like GOD

James 1:5, If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.

Giving Draws Us <u>CLOSER TO GOD</u>

<u>Matthew 6:19</u>, "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.²⁰But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also..."²⁴ "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. <u>You</u> cannot serve both God and money."

• Giving Allows Us To PAY IT FORWARD

<u>1 Timothy 6:18, Command them to do good, to be rich in</u> <u>good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share</u>.¹⁹In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

• Giving Increases Our <u>HAPPINESS</u>

Proverbs 22:9, *The generous will themselves be blessed, for they share their food with the poor.*

Acts 20:35, ... remembering the words the Lord Jesus Himself said: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Next Steps:

- 1) Buy at t-shirt to feed a family, and sign up to serve at The Gift next weekend.
- 2) Celebrate what God has done through the ministry and mission at Cottonwood in 2015 through the Imagine One Campaign.
- 3) Prayerfully ask God how He wants you to participate in "End of Year" giving and Imagine One more in 2016.