

Harvest Bible Chapel
Small Group Questions
July 12, 2009

Accelerate your Trust
Psalm 37:16-40

1. Tell about a time when you gave until it hurt. Who did you give to? What motivated you to give? How did God bless you after that?
2. Why is generosity the most tangible evidence of trust in God?
3. Have you ever wondered why God allows the ungodly to prosper financially? Describe your feelings when you see this happening? How do the descriptions in Psalm 37 of the future of the ungodly give you perspective?
4. Read Proverbs 3:9-10. What is today's equivalent to "firstfruits", "barns", and "vats?" What are your "firstfruits", "barns", and "vats?" How have you seen this verse fulfilled in your life? How can we obey this verse today?
5. Read 2Corinthian 9:9. Have you ever been pressured to give? Have you ever gotten upset or angry by a genuine appeal to meet a need? Why? Have you ever given grudgingly? How do think God felt about your gift. What are the characteristics of a "cheerful" giver? How do think responds to him?
6. Read 2Corinthians 9:10. How does this truth encourage you to be generous during difficult financial seasons?
7. Trent defined contentment as "believing that God has already given me everything that I need for my present happiness." According to this definition, are your content? What is keeping you from contentment? Read 1Timothy 1:6-8. What must be combined with contentment in order for us to experience "great gain?" Describe "godliness." What two things does this scripture tell us we should be content with? Does it take more than that for you to be content? (Answer "yes!") Has God identified something that you need to give away because it is where you are falsely finding your contentment? Is there something that you have thought you "need" that has actually been a "want?" Will you be content without it?
8. How is a temporal value system different from an eternal value system? What have been the consequences of pursuing a temporal value system on you or your family?
9. Psalm 37:16 mentions the "righteous." Read Matt 6:33. How do you seek righteousness? Read Hosea 10:12. How do you "sow" righteousness? What promise does God make to those who seek righteousness? What promise does God make to those who sow righteousness?
10. Without revealing the details of your financial situation, do you know your income? Do you know your expenses? Do you know how much debt you have? Do you have a plan to eliminate debt and spend less than you make? Do you give consistently and generously to the Lord?