"The Joy Of Generosity"

Matt 6:21, Luke 6:38, 2 Cor 9:7 **(refs)**

History of NLC:

~1950's, Winter St storefront

~late 1960's, Patten's, 966 Main St

~mid 1970's Breazeale's, property, wings, tent mtgs

~mid 1980's Kashner's, retreats, 22 years!

~Dec 2007 Amendola's, Thrive 2015, Pro 29:2**(ref)**

**(don't out this up until after I say all of it!)**

Bible Quiz: Times mentioned in Word?

~Faith....246

~Hope...185

~Love...733

~Giving...2285

Ron Blue: 7 Reasons Christians Do Not Give

7. never plan

6. don't know how

5. don't know they can afford it

4. limited relationship with church

3. limited vision for their church

2. personal money problem

1. spiritual problem

Testimony: Jacob Glover

Joy Of Generosity (we must)

1. Remain Faithful To God

~2 Cor 8:1-4 **(ref)**

~material and spiritual gift

~Psalm 112:6-7 "not afraid of bad news"

2. Be Loyal To The Local Church

~1 Tim 3:15 "house of God", "church of the living God", "pillar and foundation of the truth"

~New Testament Epistles, 7 Letters (Rev 2-3) **(ref)**

~drop your anchor at NLC!

~numerous ministries, outreaches, opportunities

Testimony: Wayne Zanchi

3. Think About Our Legacy

~1Thes 1:6-10 **(ref)**

~Matt 28:18-20 "go, disciple, baptize, teach"

~Matt 22:37-39 "love God, love neighbor"

~Phil 4:16-17 "fruit from your account"

4. Begin The Process NOW!

~Psalm 119:105, James 1:22**(refs)**

~Matt 6:21, Like 6:38, Malachi 3:10 **(refs)**

~faith 246, hope 185, love 733, giving 2285

Joy Of Generosity

1. Faithful to God

2. Loyal to Local Church

3. Think About Legacy

4. Begin NOW!

"The joy of the Lord is your strength" Nehemiah 10:8