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Introductory Thoughts

As a child I was amazed at some of the models in the Hobby Shops.

Many of the things we have learned and now do, whether habits, behaviors, or activities are foundationally “modeled” activities.

Even Jesus modeled activity – John 5:19-20.

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Giving Modeled After Christ Is Giving Willingly – John 3:16

Willingness is based on love.

Willing giving is based on the intended results.

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Giving Modeled After Jesus Is Giving Joyfully - Hebrews 12:1-2

Sin ambushes joy - Malachi 3:8 - Proverbs 28:19-20.

The best way to run a race is to look at the leader!

Jesus fixed His attention of what brought joy.

We need to focus on what will bring us the greatest joy - Matthew 25:21.

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Giving Modeled After Christ Is Giving Sacrificially - 1 Peter 3:18

The difficulty of sacrifice.

We will make a commitment to and sacrifice for what we think is important.

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Closing Remarks

Often lacking is the will, the joy, or the sacrificial spirit in our giving.

And when we talk about sacrifice, it is not giving an equality of amount; rather it is an equality of surrender.

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