

“A New Way of Life”  
Defying Gravity Sermon Series  
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Last Week: The Kingdom of S\_\_\_\_\_ and the Kingdom of G\_\_\_\_\_.  
To choose well and resist the pull of self, we must make a p\_\_\_\_\_!

I. Not a Guilt Trip But an I\_\_\_\_\_ to a New Way of Life!

A life marked by love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, g\_\_\_\_\_,  
faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.” (Galatians 5:22-23)

This life is possible when God’s Kingdom orders our t\_\_\_\_\_  
and a\_\_\_\_\_.

Generosity is the virtue of giving g\_\_\_\_\_ things to others freely  
and abundantly.

It is possible by inviting the Holy Spirit to live in us yet it is  
not inevitable (Galatians 5:1). Paul gives us a w\_\_\_\_\_!

II. Watch Out for Black Holes

Astronomers see the affects on stars and planets around it.

What is your “Black Hole?” \_\_\_\_\_

We allow/depend on the resurrection of Christ to pull us free!

With Jesus at the center, our prayers change from “receive”  
prayers to “participation/serve” prayers. Ratio? \_\_\_ : \_\_\_



There is a “difference between wanting to be a beneficiary of God’s  
kingdom and wanting to participate in its expansion.” Tom Berlin

III. Jesus’ Commands are Entranceways to New Life!

The early church wanted to do what \_\_\_\_\_ was doing! Acts 2:44-47

***A steward is someone who manages another’s property or  
financial affairs.***

You are a s\_\_\_\_\_ of the gift of your e\_\_\_\_\_ life with your  
unique strengths, talents, abilities, and resources for God.

***“It is good to do good, but it is better to do good well.”***

We want to m\_\_\_\_\_ the good we do for the greatest impact.

Tithing: Giving God the f\_\_\_\_\_ tenth of one’s income. Deut.14:28-29

The tithe is in the Bible for our sake, not because God needs it.

***The tithe allows us to h\_\_\_\_\_ God in the present  
and t\_\_\_\_\_ God for the future.***

Action Step: What can be done with what God has given me?



Now in light of all that, Israel, what does the LORD your God ask of you? Only this: to revere the LORD your God by walking in all his ways, by loving him, by serving the LORD your God with all your heart and being, and by keeping the LORD’s commandments and his regulations that I’m commanding you right now. It’s for your own good!

But you are about to cross the Jordan River and will settle in the land the LORD your God is giving you as your inheritance. Then he will give you rest from all your enemies on every side so that you live safely and securely. At that point, you must bring all that I am commanding you, your entirely burned offerings, your sacrifices, your tenth-part gifts, your contributions, and all your best payments that you solemnly promised to the LORD, to the location the LORD your God selects for his name to reside.

Then you will rejoice in the LORD your God’s presence.

Deuteronomy 10:12-13; 12:10-11; 12:12a



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