

2008-2009 Results

Congratulations to Shane Chamberlin of Eastern Nazarene College for his award winning sermon, “A Holy Manager, Not an Owner.”

Shane successfully used the scripture 1 Timothy 6 to explore holiness as it relates to tithing and living generously while addressing money as it relates to funding the mission of the church.

In his winning sermon, Shane explores the elements that drive a typical individual’s daily life choices – and how this mentality compares to a godly lifestyle. He names the primary element as the American Dream: a life filled with comfort, fun, and financial security.

He criticizes the unfortunate outcome of striving for the American Dream as a busy and hectic lifestyle that is selfish and lacks contentment. The sixth chapter of 1 Timothy explains the necessity of living a content or holy lifestyle and how if one does not, money and possessions can draw them away from God.

Shane asks, “Why steal from God? He enables you, he blesses you, he graces you, he loves you, and yet we find ourselves robbing God by not giving back [a portion of] what he has entrusted to us.”

Shane emphasizes that, if one truly understands holiness and strives to live a holy and content lifestyle, Christians will be more able and willing to love and give generously. Through this newfound generosity, one will expand their worship through tithing to the Lord.

Thank you Shane for your submission! It has provided great insight and understanding to how one can develop a generous lifestyle.

“God wants us to be ‘Holy Managers’ not disgraceful owners.” – Shane Chamberlin