

Intersections: Christianity & Today

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When You've Only Got Two Gardeners or . . .

How We Spend Our Money

1. No “dreary shrubbery” if we do it right.

cared for alpine, I have planted this section with various ground covers.

In planning the garden we had to keep in mind the fact that everything would have to be maintained by only two gardeners. I was determined not to have the dreary shrubbery so many people call a garden nowadays. Also, I like to maintain a large cutting garden to provide flowers for the house. The main effort was to have color from April to October, which is really not so difficult, starting with daffodils and ending with phlox and



2. Do you want to throw up when you read an article like this?

3. Would our normal expenses, like \$5 or \$10 at McDonald's, be considered extravagant by much of the rest of the world?

4. Does that mean we should change our spending patterns?

5. Is there a recommended amount that Christians should give to charity?

6. Is there a mandatory amount (such as tithing) that Christians must give to charity?

7. Could a Christian own 20 pairs of shoes if there are people in the world who are shoeless?

8. Can we count the government's welfare and food stamp programs as part of our giving?

9. Is there anything wrong with question number eight?

10. Can the rich enter the kingdom of heaven? Yes No

11. If I give my grandchildren presents, does that obligate me to give all the other local kids similar presents?

12. Under what circumstances could a Christian buy a large yacht for pleasure use?

13. In John 12, Jesus is having dinner. Mary came in with a jar of very expensive oils and anointed Jesus' feet. She was criticized: “Why wasn't this oil sold and the money given to the poor?”

Jesus said, “Let her alone. . . . for you have the poor with you always. You don't always have me.”

This is a Christian thing to say?

(Special irresistible item on the next page.)

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