

Kingdom Principles

Part 5: Giving | Text: Matthew 6:19-21

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“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. (20) But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. (21) For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

What we deposit:

We come into this world with nothing and everything we possess comes from our Heavenly Father.

Haggai 2:8 | Proverbs 8:18 | Psalm 50:10 | Psalm 24:1

We need a _____ versus _____ focus.

! Timothy 6: 19 | Luke 12:20-21 | Mark 12:29-31

Heart - *the middle or the center*

God wants our _____.

Jesus Example

Ephesians 5:1-2 (NKJV) Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. (2) And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

- Imitators – a “mimic”, to imitate: to follow; take on God’s characteristics
- Walk – to tread all around, circle or circuit, keep going
- Love – Agape, intimate, die to self, live for others, sacrifice

Romans 5:8 | John 3:16-17 | Matthew 7:7-11 | Matthew 6:33

Colossians 1:13 | James 1:17 (NLT)

Abraham Example

Genesis 13, 14

David Example

1 Chronicles 29:1-9, 14 (NLT)

Hezekiah Example

2 Chronicles 31

Our giving needs to be a _____ to God’s love for us.

2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT) If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have.

We are called not only to practice generosity to those around us, but also to the _____.

Luke 6:35-38 | Proverbs 21:26 (NLT) | Proverbs 11:24-25 (NLT)

Great Commission – Matthew 28

Application:

Practice generosity in your life toward your sphere of influence and beyond.

4.8 billion non-believers in the world today (7 billion – 2.2 Christians)

You can plant a church in:

- Brazil for \$2400
- China for \$1200
- Africa for \$900

Discussion Questions for D12

1. Take each section of scripture, talk about them and then make application to your own life.
2. Take time to thank the Lord for what He has given you.
3. Pray what the Lord would have you do as a group to give to someone else.

Prayer Point

Pray that the Lord’s increase will be used to bless the body of Christ.