



August 24, 2014
Celebration | 8:45am
Elevation | 10:45am
Pastor Matt Doan

Living Free in Generosity Luke 12; 18; 19

Your use of money is a window into your heart Luke 12:13-34

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Luke 12:34

You can't serve both God and Money Luke 18:18-27

"When Jesus heard this, He said to him, "One thing you still lack; sell all that you possess and distribute it to the poor, and you shall have treasure in heaven; and come follow Me. But when he had heard these things, he became very sad, for he was extremely rich." Luke 18:22-23

Generosity is your response to a generous God Luke 19:1-10

"Zaccheus stopped and said to the Lord, "Behold, Lord half of my possessions I will give to the poor, and if I have defrauded anyone of anything, I will give back four times as much." Luke 19:8

*"He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose."
- Jim Elliot (1927-1956), Missionary to Ecuador*

Digging Deeper:

Take each day this week and dwell/memorize a passage of scripture that reminds you about how abundantly, astoundingly, astonishingly generous God is!

- **MONDAY:** "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life." (John 3:16)
- **TUESDAY:** "He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things?" (Romans 8:32)
- **WEDNESDAY:** "...I charge you in the presence of God, who gives life to all things..." (1 Timothy 6:13)
- **THURSDAY:** "Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow." (James 1:17)
- **FRIDAY:** "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich." (2 Corinthians 8:9)
- **SATURDAY:** "And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed." (2 Corinthians 9:8)

A Generosity Commitment List for Fall 2014: Each Fall we are inevitably asked by friends and family, "What do you want for Christmas?" We typically give them a wish list of things we are wanting. What if this Fall, you created your own "reverse" list, asking God to give you specific opportunities to be generous and to bless others?

- **TREASURE:**
 - Amount of money I am praying I can give away from now until the end of the year: \$ _____
 - Three items I own that I want to generously give away this Fall...
1. _____ 2. _____ 3. _____
- **TIME:** Amount of hours I want to serve others with this Fall: _____ hours
- **TALENT:** Abilities or skills I want to teach or bless someone with this Fall:
 - Specific person: _____ Specific Ability/Skill: _____

Further Reading: Check out these great books on being a generous Christian:

- "Treasure Principle" by Randy Alcorn
- "Fields of Gold" by Andy Stanley
- "Your Life Well Spent" by Russ Crosson

LifeGroup Discussion:

1. What is your first memory as a kid with money? How did your childhood or early years shape your view of money today?
2. Read Luke 12:34. If you looked at your financial purchases over the past 3 months, what would these purchases reveal about the condition of your heart?
3. Read Luke 18:18-27. Discuss as a group Jesus' words in verse 24 and 25. Why can money be such a barrier between us and following after God?
4. Read Luke 19:1-10. Zaccheus became generous after experiencing the generosity of Jesus (welcoming him as a sinner). How can understanding what Jesus has done for you shape you to be more generous with your time, talents and treasure?

Next Steps:

1. **Become a Christian today by placing your faith in Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord.** Use the booklet in the seat rack in front of you that says, "The Way to Eternal Life" to understand who Jesus is and how you can make Him your treasure today by faith. For questions on how to become a Christian, contact Matt Doan at mdoan@calvarylife.org or 714.550.2378.
2. **Join a LifeGroup (small group) this Fall.** Visit the LifeGroup Fair in the Worship Center Lobby today to discover a LifeGroup that fits your schedule and life stage. LifeGroups are the way we Connect, Grow and Reach at Calvary Church. For more info contact Laura Copeland at lcopeland@calvarylife.org or 714.550.2398. calvarylife.org/lifegroups
3. **Grow in generosity and practicing biblical stewardship principles by attending an upcoming Financial Stewardship class:**
 - **Navigating Your Finances God's Way:** Required Orientation Meeting - September 3 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | W-209
Wednesday Classes: October 1 - November 26 | 7:00 - 8:30 pm | W-209
 - **Leave and Live a Legacy Workshop:** Sunday, October 25 | 8:45 am - 12:00 pm | Fellowship Hall
 - **Raising Financially Freed-Up Kids:** Sundays, November 2 - 23 | 8:45 am - 12:00 pm | Fireside
 - **Planning Now for Beyond 65 Workshop:** Saturday, November 15 | 8:45 am - 12:00 pm | WC-209

Contact Ray Pertierra at 714.550.2358 for more info or questions. Learn more at calvarylife.org/stewardship



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