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THE GOOD LIFE

The Freedom and Joy of Generosity

Week 1 | Where Your Treasure Leads | Teacher: Libin Abraham
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OPENER

Most of us picture the good life as having more: more income, more security, and more choices. But "more" is not a destination, it is a horizon that moves every time we reach it. Jesus offers a radically different vision: "It is more blessed to give than to receive" (Acts 20:35). This week, Pastor Libin invites us to let Jesus disciple our finances and discover how generosity frees us from the exhausting pursuit of more.

READ

Acts 20:35; Matthew 6:19-24; Luke 12:33; Romans 8:32

MAIN POINTS

1. Your Treasure Leads Your Heart

Moth, rust, and thieves remind us that nothing we own provides ultimate security or lasts forever. Jesus is not against saving or planning, but he invites us to relocate our treasure into God's kingdom through generosity. Notice the order in verse 21: treasure goes first, and the heart follows. Our giving does not merely reveal our heart; it directs our heart. The question is not only "What do I love?" but "What am I training my heart to love?"

2. Your “Eye” Determines Your Worldview

In Jesus' day, a "good eye" described a generous person and a "bad eye" a stingy one. The bad eye sees through scarcity: there is not enough, so I must protect what is mine. The good eye sees through abundance, which begins with a vision of a generous Father who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers. This is not a prosperity gospel. It is trusting that God knows what we need, which frees us to live generously whether we have much or little. There are two worldviews (two ways of seeing and engaging with the world): (a) The Scarcity Worldview – the evil or bad eye – wealth becomes a zero-sum game, and survival becomes the highest priority. Generosity feels irresponsible. (b) The Abundance Worldview – the good eye, full of light. Doesn’t begin with a vision of money but a vision of God. Leads to a life lived with gratitude toward God and generosity toward others.

3. Your Master Shapes Your Life

Jesus does not say serving both God and money is difficult; he says it is impossible. Money promises security, identity, and freedom, and when it becomes our master, enough is always one step beyond what we have. That is why generosity is an act of worship and a declaration of allegiance. We cannot worship what we are willing to give away.

ENGAGE WITH GOD IN A GROUP

- What did "the good life" look like to you growing up? How has that changed?
- Why is money often the last area of our lives we let Jesus disciple?
- Where have your heart and prayers followed your money and/or time?
- Money promises security, identity, and freedom. Which tempts you most?
- This week, ask the Spirit, "What act of generosity would confront fear in me?"

BOTTOM LINE

Your treasure will lead your heart somewhere, so give freely and let it lead you to God.