# How Generosity Protects Us

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Series: The Protection of Stewardship

Read Matthew 13:44

The lesson: life in Christ's kingdom is characterized by radical, extravagant generosity

#### I. THE PRODUCTION OF GENEROSITY

Read Proverbs 11:25

### **II. THE PROTECTION OF GENEROSITY**

Read Matthew 6:19-24

First, there is a negative command: "Don't store up yourselves treasures on earth"

Second, there is a positive command: "Start storing up for yourselves treasures in heaven"

3 Clear Ways to Store Up Treasure for Heaven:

- 1. When we financially give to the work of the gospel
- 2. Every act of kindness with out time and our energy
- 3. When we help the poor we are lending to the Lord

Read Matthew 6:24

## **III. THE PRINCIPLES OF GENEROSITY**

A. Know God's purpose for you

3 clear purposes that come from scripture:

- 1. The Great Commission
- 2. God is concerned that the body of Christ be built up
- 3. God is passionate about desperate, hurting people who are poor and in need of hearing the Gospel

Read Proverbs 21:13

- B. Examine your giving
- 3 Questions to Ask Yourself.
  - 1. Do I give off the top of my income?
  - 2. Am I keeping a careful accounting of the owner's funds?
  - 3. Am I becoming best friends with the owner?