

20 But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: 21 For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:19–21)

“But none of these things move me, neither count I my life dear unto myself, so that I might finish my course with joy, and the ministry, which I have received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the gospel of the grace of God.” (Acts 20:24)

3. Givers _____ the _____ of God

“I have shewed you all things, how that so labouring ye ought to support the weak, and to remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, It is more blessed to give than to receive.” (Acts 20:35)

“But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus.” (Philippians 4:19)

“Therefore I say unto you, Take no thought for your life, what ye shall eat, or what ye shall drink; nor yet for your body, what ye shall put on. Is not the life more than meat, and the body than raiment? 26 Behold the fowls of the air: for they sow not, neither do they reap, nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feedeth them. Are ye not much better than they? 27 Which of you by taking thought can add one cubit unto his stature? 28 And why take ye thought for raiment? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they toil not, neither do they spin: 29 And yet I say unto you, That even Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these. 30 Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith? 31 Therefore take no thought, saying, What shall we eat? or, What shall we drink? or, Wherewithal shall we be clothed? 32 (For after all these things do the Gentiles seek:) for your heavenly Father knoweth that ye have need of all these things. 33 But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you.” (Matthew 6:25–33)

CONCLUSION

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.” (Proverbs 11:24)

IT'S NOT WHAT YOU THINK

LESSON FOUR: GIVE AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN

“Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again.” (Luke 6:38)

“For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy.” (2 Timothy 3:2)

“There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty.” (Proverbs 11:24)

“Let him that stole steal no more: but rather let him labour, working with his hands the thing which is good, that he may have to give to him that needeth.” (Ephesians 4:28)

1. Givers _____ the _____ of God

“For by him were all things created that are in heaven and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether they be thrones or dominions or principalities or powers all things were created by him and for him and he is before all things and by him all things exist.” (Colossians 1:16)

“According as his divine power hath given us all things that pertain unto life and godliness though the knowledge of him who hath called us to glory and virtue.” (2 Peter 1:3)

“For the Lord God is a sun and shield, the Lord will give grace and glory not good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly.” (Psalm 84:11)

A. He Gives _____

“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister and to give his life a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

"I am the good shepherd the good shepherd giveth his life for the sheep." (John 10:11)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but hath everlasting life." (John 3:16)

B. He Gives _____

"And grieve not the holy Spirit of God, whereby ye are sealed unto the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

"For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, 39 Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

"For I am the Lord, I change not; therefore ye sons of Jacob are not consumed." (Malachi 3:6)

"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning." (James 1:17)

C. He Gives _____

"Charge them that are rich in this world that they be not highminded nor trust in uncertain riches but in the living God who giveth us richly all things to enjoy." (1 Timothy 6:17)

"But my God shall supply all of your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus." (Philippians 4:19)

"Uphold me according unto thy word, that I may live: and let me not be ashamed of my hope." (Psalm 119:116)

Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O Lord God of hosts." (Jeremiah 15:16)

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee: he shall never suffer the righteous to be moved. (Psalm 55:22)

D. He Gives _____

"Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing." (Psalm 145:16)

"Thou hast given him his heart's desire, and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah." (Psalm 21:2)

"Delight thyself also in the Lord; and he shall give thee the desires of thine heart." (Psalm 37:4)

"Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore." (Psalm 16:11)

2. Givers _____ the _____ of God

A. Obedience to God's Command to Give Is

Contingent on My _____

"For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous." (1 John 5:3)

"If ye love me, keep my commandments." (John 14:15)

THREE WAYS LOVING GOD CHANGES US

Loving God Changes Who I Am

"And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment." (Mark 12:30)

Loving God Changes What I Do

"Jesus answered and said unto him, If a man love me, he will keep my words..." (John 14:23)

Loving God Changes Why I Do

"For the love of Christ constraineth us; because we thus judge, that if one died for all, then were all dead:" (2 Corinthians 5:14)

B. Obedience to God's Command to Give Is

Contingent on My _____

"If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. 2 Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth. 3 For ye are dead, and your life is hid with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory." (Colossians 4:1-4)

"Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: