

G R O W T H N O T E S

Scripture Text: Matthew 6:19-21

Teaching Series:

**TICK-TOCK—MAKING EVERY MOMENT
COUNT! – Part 2**

Today’s Message:

“HOW TO PRACTICE GENEROSITY!”

BACKGROUND OF THIS TEACHING SERIES

- *How do I make my life meaningful, memorable, and matter—after I’m gone and for eternity?*
- What will you do with today—and the future days that God and grace may grant you!?
- *Our first lesson last week was that we have to step past fear!*

- *The lesson for this week is for us to PRACTICE GENEROSITY!*

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MATTHEW 6:19-21—¹⁹“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

²⁰ Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

²¹ Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- *All of us are born with a clinched fist—BUT—all of us die with an open hand.*
- *Jesus had a laser-like focus, in His teaching, on management of money and minutes!*
- *Jesus focused on money and minutes—because money and minutes matter!*
- *We make a living by what we get—BUT—we make a life by what we give!*

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HOW CAN I PRACTICE GENEROSITY?

1. MAKE THE RIGHT CHOICES!

MATTHEW 6:19-21—¹⁹“Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.

- *Our text today offers to us two choices of where we can invest our energy, effort, and our lives!*
- *It’s as you invest in either earth—or as you invest in eternity!*

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2. MAINTAIN THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE!

- **THREE THEOLOGICAL PERSPECTIVES OF GIVING AND GENEROSITY:**
- **POVERTY, PROSPERITY, AND PROPER THEOLGY!**
- *The only thing that nobody can ever take from you is what you give away!*
- **SO—Jesus encourages us “TO GIVE WHAT WE CANNOT KEEP—SO WE CAN GAIN WHAT WE CANNOT LOSE!”**
- **BECAUSE—Jesus says—“Our lives do not consist in the abundance of our possessions!”**
- **DON’T CONFUSE YOUR SELF-WORTH WITH YOUR NET WORTH!**
- *Your life is not things!*

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3. MODEL THE RIGHT BEHAVIOR!

MATTHEW 6:21 Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be.

- *Where we invest our money and our minutes—defines our movement—AND—reveals our motives!*
- *Because you can give without loving—BUT—you cannot love without giving!*
- **AND—God is not trying to take something from you—God is trying to give something to you!**
- *Because the text says—“To whom much is given—much will be required!”*
- **BUT—as you give away what God has given you—GOD WILL ALWAYS SEE TO IT THAT YOU HAVE MORE THAN ENOUGH!**

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4. AND—MAGNIFY THE RIGHT MASTER!

Matthew 6:24, Jesus Says—“No one can serve two masters! Either they’ll hate the one and love the other—or they’ll be devoted one and despise the other!”

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CONCLUSION

- John Wesley said: “Make all you can—Save all you can—Then give all you can—Do all the good you can—By all the means you can—In all the

ways you can—In all the places you can—To all the people you can—For as long as you can!”

- It’s not wrong to have things—AS LONG AS THE THINGS DON’T HAVE YOU!

My Notes: _____
