

Make the Most of It

TIME TALENT TREASURE



Bible study for the week starting November 16, 2025

SHARE

Did you learn stewardship/giving at a young age from your parents? From someone else? Have you learned it yet at all? When you think of a good, faithful steward, who comes to mind?

READ/STUDY/DISCUSS

1. Read **Malachi 3:6-10**. This is a classic stewardship Scripture reading, though not the main reading for this message. God owns everything; why does He still say we're "robbing" Him when we do not give offerings? We are literally called not to put God to the test, but here He makes an exception and says, "Test me and see." Why?
2. Read **2 Corinthians 9:6-15 (throw in 8:1-15)**. These are great concepts: growing in the grace of giving, cheerful giving, exceling in giving even out of poverty. What else sticks out about these passages?
3. Read **Luke 21:1-4**. This widow gave a couple small coins, and her example has been used by Jesus for 2,000 years! What is the point of Jesus singling her out?
4. Read **Luke 16:10-14 (and the parable of the dishonest manager before it, if you dare)**. What is the lesson for us, and why does Jesus talk so much about money, based on 16:4?

PRAY

Pray for the faith to trust that God will provide and to commit to the rare spiritual fruit of growing in the grace of giving.

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IT WAS NEVER OURS!

Luke 21:1-4 (Malachi 3:6-10; 2 Corinthians 9:6-15)

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The Premise:

1. God's character and nature are GENEROSITY
2. You own NOTHING
3. God TRUSTS you with EVERYTHING

God doesn't want your MONEY; God wants your HEART.

"...See that you EXCEL in this act of GRACE also (2 Cor. 8:7)...for God loves a CHEERFUL giver (2 Cor. 9:7).

It is ridiculous to the world – and even many who are a part of the Church (Luke 16:14) – that someone would love and serve the ALMIGHTY GOD instead of the ALMIGHTY DOLLAR.

What percent belongs to God? 100%

Don't ever mistake the MEANS to the end with the END itself.

God's challenge to you: "TEST Me and SEE" (Malachi 3:10).

The image from Genesis 1:29-31: *"And God said, 'Behold, I have given you EVERY plant yielding seed that is on the face of ALL the earth, and EVERY tree with seed in its fruit. You shall have them for food...And God saw EVERYTHING that He had made, and behold, it was VERY GOOD."*

For next Sunday, please read 1 Corinthians 9:19-23, Matt. 25:14-30, and Exodus 31:1-7.