

# sermon discussion

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## MAIN POINTS & KEY SCRIPTURES

**Goal: To be content with the fruit of our labors**

- Proverbs 30:8–9
- Proverbs 21:5

**When we have more than enough, God calls us to be rich.**

- Luke 12:20–21

**When we have more than enough, God calls us to be rich toward God.**

- Luke 12:32–33

**When we have more than enough, God calls us to be generous.**

- Acts 5:3–4
- 2 Samuel 24:23–24
- Acts 8:20
- 2 Corinthians 8:2–3

**Plan to be generous.**

- Mark 12:42–44

**Giving Ladder**

- 1 Timothy 5:17–18

## GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Describe a childhood or later experience that influenced your view of money or giving.
2. **Read Proverbs 14:31 and 19:17.** How should we treat the poor according to these verses? What are some ways we can live out these principles today?
3. **Read Mark 12:41–44.** How did the gift of the poor widow compare to that of the rich people? Who did Jesus say had given the greater gift? Explain why.
4. Take a moment to imagine being that poor widow from Mark 12. What are your emotions or thoughts as you decided whether to give an offering and how much to offer?
5. **Read 2 Corinthians 9:7.** On a scale of 1 to 10, how intentional are you currently about your giving? What are some ways to know you are intentional?
6. What are some beliefs that hold people back from giving more? Which ones do you struggle with currently?
7. What is the relationship between honoring God's name and how we use money and our personal possessions? What do Matthew 6:19–21 and Malachi 3:10 have to say about it?

## GOING FURTHER

**MEMORIZE:** *Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* **2 Corinthians 9:7**

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**REFLECT:** How are gratitude and generosity related? Make a list of things God has provided for you (health, employment, family, food, shelter, clothing, faith, etc.). Make an effort to pray daily thanking Him for His provision over your life.

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