

**Series: Manage Or Be Managed**  
**Message: Managing God's Resources**  
**March 10 & 11, 2018**  
**Pastor Gary Morefield**

Luke 12:13-21

## **The Overarching Truth: God \_\_\_\_\_**

Psalm 24:1, 1 Corinthians 10:26

## **A Biblical Definition of Generosity: Being Rich Toward God**

### **The Three Guiding Principles of Generosity**

#### **1. \_\_\_\_\_**

Proverbs 3:9-10, Malachi 3, 1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 Corinthians 8:12,  
Luke 6:38

#### **2. A \_\_\_\_\_**

Luke 21:1-4, Ecclesiastes 5:10, Matthew 6:24, 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

***The master you have is the master you will serve.***

#### **3. An Act of \_\_\_\_\_**

Psalm 96:8

**Growth Group Questions**  
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Looking back at your notes from this week's teaching, was there anything you heard for the first time or that caught your attention, challenged, or confused you?

### **Getting To Know You**

1. If you could only keep one of the technologies below for the next week, (for personal use only, outside of work) which would it be and why?

- TV/YouTube/Hulu, etc.
- Email/Skype
- Social Networking
- Internet

2. Going back to the weekend message of February 24-25 entitled, "Managing My Time and Resources," have you adjusted your habits in any of the technologies above for the sake of better quality relationship time? If so, what were the results?

### **Digging Deeper**

3. There aren't too many people who'd want to be known as greedy or stingy with their time, money or possessions. Yet, that happens in people more often than we like to admit. That's why the enemy works subtly, yet powerfully, to blind us to the benefits and simplicity of generosity and serving others. What motivations and/or strategies do the following verses give to encourage us to be generous and serve others?

2 Corinthians 9:6-9

Galatians 6:9-10

Matthew 25:31-46

4. Pastor Gary said that "giving off the top" is both an act of thanking God for his current provision AND a way of trusting Him for future provision. Yet throughout history, many of God's people have given to His work primarily out of what's left over rather than off the top. What surprises you about God's attitude toward this practice in Malachi 3:7-12?

5. Many people look to financial security to provide a sense of comfort and protection from life's ups and downs. They believe that money can be a hedge against the trials and tribulations of life. As we heard this weekend, often times the sense of security that money provides is just an illusion. How could the following passages help us experience a greater sense of security than money or possessions can provide?

Psalms 46:1-3

Lamentations 3:19-24

6. It's not odd to think if we made more money we would be more generous. But studies show this usually isn't the case. How might the following verses help you develop a healthy perspective about your finances and the spiritual discipline of generosity?

Deuteronomy 8:10-18

Psalms 46:10

Proverbs 13:11

Proverbs 15:22

Ecclesiastes 5:10

Matthew 6:19-21

### **Taking It Home**

7. Is there a time that you gave more to God than you thought you could? What was the result?