

Living That Blessed Life

WEEK 4 – GET TO

BIG IDEA:

Giving to God is the get to v. got to principle. Historically speaking there have been two major viewpoints when it comes to Biblical Perspectives of money. Poverty Theology vs. Prosperity Theology. The Poverty Theology says money is evil and poverty is righteous. The Prosperity Theology says that money is a reward for righteous living. A third option is the generosity theology.

KEY VERSE:

1 Chronicles 29:11-12 "Yours, Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things."

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. Do you trust God with every area of your life?
2. Do you live like you believe that God is enough?

Key Point #1: God is the owner. We are the manager.

3. Do you live like you own your money or like you are managing God's money?

Key Point #2: Generosity is a matter of the heart before it is a matter of the hand.

4. In what way(s) could you stretch your faith with your generosity?
5. What does sacrifice look like for you?

Key Point #3: It is wise to save, but unwise to allow your savings to become your savior.

7. What is the difference between hoarding and saving?

Key Point #4: God is delighted when we enjoy his generosity.

8. Is it hard to believe that God wants you to have nice things?

Key Point #5: God has blessed us so that we can be a blessing.

9. How would you define being blessed?

MOVING FORWARD:

We don't give to get, we get to give! When your get to turns into a got to, then you've lost your sense of gratitude. I don't have to give, I want to. I desire to. Out of obedience I give. Out of a generous heart I give. Out of discipline I give. In response to God's faithfulness I give. In a longing to see His church advance I give. I get to give. I am blessed to give. I am blessed to be a blessing. I don't have to give anything, I get to, blessed to! Discuss as a group what it would look like for you to come to a new level of surrendering control of your finances to the Lord.