

## Flowing finances 2

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### 1. TREASURES IN HEAVEN

**Matthew 6:19-20** “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.”

**Luke 12:13-21 (NIV)** “Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me.” Jesus replied, “Man, who appointed me a judge or an arbiter between you?” Then he said to them, “Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; life does not consist in an abundance of possessions.” And he told them this parable: “The ground of a certain rich man yielded an abundant harvest. He thought to himself, ‘What shall I do? I have no place to store my crops.’ (ask God what can I do with the surplus – you have rich soil you can have more than enough every year) “Then he said, ‘This is what I’ll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store my surplus grain. And I’ll say to myself, “You have plenty of grain laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry.” But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself? “This is how it will be with whoever stores up things for themselves but is not rich toward God.”

- 1.1. Being rich toward God is to say “I have my fill why did you give me the rest and where should I deliver the grain that doesn’t fit in my store?”
- 1.2. Generosity is the antidote to greed and fear.

**Matthew 6:21** “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy (generous), your whole body will be full of light. But if your eyes are unhealthy (stingy), your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

- 1.3. Contentment with God safeguards us against greed.

**James 3:16** “For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice.”

- 1.4. Selfish ambition makes us always want more.
- 1.5. Envy is jealousy or desiring what is not yours.
- 1.6. The bible says you find every sort of disorder and evil here.

**Proverbs 4:23 (TPT) “So above all, guard the affections of your heart, for they affect all that you are. Pay attention to the welfare of your innermost being, for from there flows the wellspring of life.”**

## **2. TITHING STATS:**

- 2.1.** Tithers only make up 10–25% of any congregation.
- 2.2.** On average Christians give 2.5% of their income to churches.
- 2.3.** During the great depression it was 3.3%.
- 2.4.** 8/10 People who give to churches have no credit card debt.
- 2.5.** Religious giving has gone down 50% since 1990.

## **3. WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF ALL BELIEVERS TITHED?**

- 3.1.** There would be an additional \$165 billion for churches to use and distribute.
- 3.2.** The global impact would be phenomenal.
- 3.3.** Here’s just a few things the Church could do:
- 3.4.** \$25 billion could relieve global hunger, starvation and deaths from preventable diseases in five years.
- 3.5.** \$12 billion could eliminate illiteracy in five years.
- 3.6.** \$15 billion could solve the world’s water and sanitation issues, specifically at places in the world where 1 billion people live on less than \$1 per day.
- 3.7.** \$1 billion could fully fund all overseas mission work.
- 3.8.** \$100 – \$110 billion would still be left over for additional ministry expansion.

## **Sermon Discussion Guide**

**OPEN WITH PRAYER. THIS IS ONLY A GUIDE – SELECT THE POINTS YOU WANT TO DISCUSS.**

- 1. Do you ever ask God what He wants you to do with the money He gives you?
- 2. Do you think that it’s necessary to tithe?
- 3. Have you started investing in your treasure in heaven?