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## Our Outline:

- 1) The Lord Hates those who get Rich by Injustice
- 2) The Lord Loves those who are Generous to the Poor
- 3) The Lord Is Perfectly Just & Generous



# Principle # 1: The Lord Hates those who get Rich by Injustice

One way we see the effects of our sinful nature is when the marginalized, poor, or oppressed are **taken advantage of** for monetary gain.





## **Principle # 1: The Lord Hates those who get Rich by Injustice**

“Do not rob the poor, because he is poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate, for the LORD will plead their cause and rob of life those who rob them.”

Proverbs 22:22-23



# **Principle # 1: The Lord Hates those who get Rich by Injustice**

“Whoever oppresses the poor to increase his own wealth, or gives to the rich, will only come to poverty.”

Proverbs 22:16



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“The getting of treasures by a lying tongue is a fleeting vapor and a snare of death.”

Proverbs 21:6

“It’s a fleeting vapor.. It has the **appearance of gain**.. But is a “snare of death.””



# Principle # 1: The Lord Hates those who get Rich by Injustice

“For I the LORD love justice;  
I hate robbery and wrong...”

Isaiah 61:8





## The Lord hates those who get rich by injustice

“Come now, you rich, weep and howl for the miseries that are coming upon you. Your riches have rotted and your garments are moth-eaten. Your gold and silver have corroded, and their corrosion will be evidence against you and will eat your flesh like fire. You have laid up treasure in the last days. Behold, the wages of the laborers who mowed your fields, which you kept back by fraud, are crying out against you, and the cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord of hosts.” - James 5:1-4



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## First Group:

→ Those of you who may be administering this type of injustice.

- Take Heed
- Repent

**Ask yourself:** *“Am I in integrity paying rightfully what is due?”*



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Second Group:

→ Those of you under this type of Injustice

“Be patient, therefore, brothers, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient about it, until it receives the early and the late rains.” -James 5:7



## **Principle #2: *The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.***

“Whoever oppresses a poor man insults his Maker,  
but he who is generous to the needy honors him.”  
Proverbs 14:31

“What do you have that you did not receive?”  
1 Corinthians 4:7



## **Principle #2: *The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.***

“Whoever despises his neighbor is a sinner, but blessed is he who is generous to the poor.”

Proverbs 14:21

**Question:** *What is at work in your heart that is causing you to withhold?*



## **Principle #2: The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.**

Questions for Reflection:

→ *Do you view yourself as the ultimate manager of your finances, not the Lord?*

→ *Are you living with a scarcity mindset? Are you trusting your own understanding and provision, not the Lord as your provider?*

→ *What does your budget say you prioritize? Is there any room left for generosity?*



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“We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, **their abundance of joy** and their **extreme poverty** have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part...

2 Corinthians 8:1-5



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For they gave according to their means, as I can testify, and beyond their means, of their own accord, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints—and this, not as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then by the will of God to us.”

2 Corinthians 8:1-5



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“...they gave themselves first to the Lord.” -2 Cor. 8:5

- *Generosity is an overflow out of our intimacy with Jesus.*
- *Jesus says... “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also”*
- *Our treasures are a reflection of what is going on in our hearts.*



## **Principle #2: The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.**

Reflection Questions Continued...

- *What is the work in your heart that is causing you to cling to your finances?*
- *What is missing in your intimacy with Jesus that is causing a lack of generosity?*
- *How should the abundance that Jesus has given you transform the way you give?*



## **Principle #2: The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.**

*“For I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me no drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not clothe me, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.’ Then they also will answer, saying, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not minister to you?’...*

*Matthew 25:42-45*



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*...Then he will answer them, saying, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.'"*

*Matthew 25:42-45*



## Principle #2: *The Lord Loves those who Generous to the Poor.*



“Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the firstfruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”  
Prov. 3:9-10

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## **Principle #3: The Lord is Perfectly Just & Generous**

The Lord is Perfectly Just:

*“A false balance is an abomination to the LORD, but a just weight is his delight.” - Proverbs 11:1*

→ *Our understanding of Justice comes directly from the Lord and what he delights in.*

*“The Rock, his work is perfect, for all his ways are justice. A God of faithfulness and without iniquity, just and upright is he.” -Deuteronomy 32:4*



## Principle #3: *The Lord is Perfectly Just & Generous*

The Lord is Perfectly Generous:

*We can't outgive God...*

*"For the LORD God is a sun and shield; the LORD bestows favor and honor. **No good thing does he withhold** from those who walk uprightly." – Psalm 84:11*

*The Purist Good... God has Generously Given to us...*



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*The Cross is where Justice and Generosity meet*

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