

Sermon Series: The Generous Life

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Our heart is where we spend our money.

Matthew 6:19-24

19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. **20** But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. **21** For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **22** “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[a] your whole body will be full of light. **23** But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[b] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! **24** “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.

Money ≠ Security (verses 19-21)

Money is Deceptive (verses 22-23)

1 Timothy 6:17

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

The first place we look when we think about generosity is outside of us.

Money ≠ Significance

It's not that “money is the root of all evil,” as some will say. But it is true that the love of money is dangerous.

How do we become a generous people?

1. **Evaluate** – how are we currently spending our money? What are our values?
2. **Simplify your life** – Where are we spending money to buy things we don't need or to impress people with opinions we shouldn't really care about?
3. **Give** – Even if we don't have a lot, we can start where we are and with what we have.