

‘Generous Giving’

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BIG IDEA

It’s safe to say that we all know what it would look like to be rich in the eyes of the world, but what would it look like to be rich towards God? The world calls us to consume more, but Jesus calls us towards a life of being rich towards God – a life of generous giving – a life of storing up for ourselves treasure in heaven. If we’d be rich towards God, generous givers, we must be convinced that:

1. *God is greater than gold;*
2. *Heaven is better than our best homes;*
3. *Everything that’s yours is His.*

QUESTIONS

Engaging the Head::

- Jesus says that we cannot serve both God and money – [Matthew 6:24](#). What would it look like to serve money? Are there ways in which you are currently serving money? If we are serving money, what impact is that having on your relationship with God?
- If God is the owner of all things ([Job 41:11](#), [Psalm 24:1](#), [1 Corinthians 6:19-20](#)), then how should we view all the things in our life? Specifically, how can we use all the things that God has entrusted to our care for His glory and the good of others? What are some things that hinder you from being in effective steward with God’s things? What are some practical ways in which you can begin to cultivate healthy, God-honoring stewardship in your life?

Engaging the Heart::

- The Bible makes clear that money is not evil, rather, it’s the love of money that leads to all sorts of evil – [1 Timothy 6:9-10](#). How has, or, how is the love of money impacting you? What are some practical ways you can begin to cultivate a greater love for God, and less of a love for gold?
- If Jesus is building a home for you in heaven ([John 14:1-2](#)), then how should the eternal home that is being prepared for you impact how you live your life here? Specifically, how might we live the life of pilgrims – men and women who know how to travel light, throwing off everything that hinders or slows us down? Is there anything in your life, or maybe, the want of something in your life that is ultimately hindering your life as a pilgrim?

Engaging the Hands::

- On Sunday, January 20th, everyone in attendance at GENESIS received a white envelope with either \$5, \$10, \$20 or \$50. How has God led you to use those resources to bless someone else?
- If everything in your life were placed in a ‘white envelope’, would there be any ‘white envelopes’ that you’d be unwilling to give away for the good of someone else? If yes, what’s in that ‘white envelope’ and why would you be unwilling to part ways with it?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **This Sunday** – Next up:: Change the world. We will also celebrate and install a new elder and two new deacons.
- **Beginnings Brunch** – If you are new or newer to GENESIS, plan on attending the Beginnings Brunch this Sunday, January 27th at 10:30AM. This is a great way to learn more about the mission and vision of GENESIS along with meeting some of GENESIS leaders.