

Practical Tools To become Generous

#1 - Start today, because tomorrow never comes.

Human nature = When we get an extra Zero, we get some extra stuff.

#2 - Ignore the Jones'

#3 - 10 - 10 - 80 principle

10% - invest it in God's Kingdom
Prov 3:9-10

10% - retirement or the rainy day
prov 21:20

80% - enjoy - for life
Acts 5:1-11

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Luke 16:1-13

**I can't take it with me, but I can ___ send ___
it on ahead.**

Matthew 6:19-21 Ecclesiastes 2:1-11

True Riches for those who are _trustworthy_____.

Matthew 25:21 -23

True Riches

Money 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Lives Luke 14:13-14 Prov 19:17

Eternal Rewards/Responsibilities

The master I serve ___ is _____ the master I have.

James 4:4 Matthew 15:8 Romans 6:16

In this week's teaching we saw how important it is to God how we invest our money not only for our time here on earth, but also to "send it ahead" for eternity. The following questions are going to address three perspectives that will either help or hinder our desire to put Jesus' investment advice into practice.

OWNERSHIP

How would understanding and applying the following verses help free you up to put into action the principles and practices from this week's teaching?

Deuteronomy 8:18

1 Chronicles 29:14-16

Psalm 24:1

At times, we all forget that what we have is God's, not ours.

Can you think of any reasons you typically use to think it is all yours and not God's?

What's your response to the fact that all you have is actually God's?

What kind of things can happen in your own life and the life of others with that kind of an attitude?

STRATEGY AND RETURN

A key piece in deciding if you're going to make an investment is what you're going to have to do to make the investment and the return you'll receive once you make it. Write out the investment strategies and returns listed in the following verses.

Proverbs 11:24

Proverbs 11:25-26

2 Corinthians 9:6

Which of these strategies is most important for you to remember and why?

How important is it for you to keep the "return" in mind?

PASSION

Read Matthew 6:19-24

What we spend our time doing, talking and thinking about reveals the passions of our heart. Take a few minutes and write out where you spend your time and what you think and talk about.

To what extent are your passions driven by or in competition with making eternal investments?

There has been some who say the order of the treasure and the heart can be interchangeable. Where the heart is, the treasure goes. However, Jesus did not say it that way. Why do you think the treasure directs the heart and not the other way around?

Read the story of the rich young ruler.

Mark 10:16 - 23

How does this story bear witness to the idea of passion and the idea that where your treasure is, there your heart will be also?

What do you think might have happened if the rich young man would have started to give his treasure away?

What keeps us from fulfilling the call to generosity with abandon?

What is one step you can take to become more generous, perhaps even in the second year of **Breakthrough**?