

Generosity - Live to Give: Good Faith Deposits

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Discussion starter – Think about a time when you struggled to make a significant financial decision. How did you decide? Did you ask God to help you with your struggle? How did it turn out?

Read **1 Timothy 6: 17-19.**

1. Who are the “rich in this present age”? Would you consider yourself to be rich?
2. What does it mean to “store up treasure for themselves” in v 19? What “treasures” are these and what is good about them? And what does it mean to build a foundation for the future?

Read **Proverbs 30: 7-9.** The request is for neither too little nor too much.

3. How much is “just enough” to satisfy your real needs? What might happen with too much?
4. An observation of many who have done mission work in developing countries is that so many of the people they work with are content and joy-filled – even though they live in extreme poverty (by our standards). Why is this?

Read **Leviticus 27: 30; Proverbs 3: 9-10** and **Ezekiel 44: 30.** In the Old Testament world, God required His people to give a tithe (10%) of their harvest as an offering to Him. Read **Mark 12: 41-44.** The widow gave much more.

5. Why do you think the widow did this and what motivation did she have?

Read **Ecclesiastes 5: 10-11.**

6. What does the writer mean when he says those who love money can never get enough?

Read **1 Timothy 6: 9-10.**

7. Is there anything wrong with the blessing of wealth? At what point does this become a problem? What can a lust for wealth lead to? Can you think of any examples of this?
8. Is the Lord really interested in our money or possessions?

Read **Psalms 50: 9-12** and **Micah 6: 6-8.**

9. What does He really want from us?

Read **Proverbs 3: 9-10** and **Malachi 3: 10-12.**

10. What are the results of honoring God with our generosity? Is this promise specific to just physical blessings?

Something to think about – In what area(s) of your life can you grow in your generosity? Would people characterize you as generous? Ask the Lord to help and guide you to be more open to sharing your blessings in whatever way He directs.