



desert breeze community church

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In The Zone

“GIVING”

Matthew 6:19-34

In this series we are examining the DB five G process of full devotion to Jesus Christ (Genuine -> Growing -> Giving -> Going -> Glorifying) that inevitably leads to the fullest life ever (John 10:10b)!

The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) is what the Gospel of Jesus Christ looks like if we live it out. This is the area of money and possessions. Jesus has a lot to say about money and possessions.

GIVING CHRISTIAN:

Matthew 6:19-34

WHAT? (What does it look like?)

- **Honest Accountability.** Vv22-23
Greed/Materialism has a blinding affect. (Luke 12:15)
It keeps you from seeing, thinking and asking hard questions.
 - ✓ Do you have a good spending plan? (Pro. 21:5)
 - ✓ Do you keep good records? (Pro. 27:23-24)
 - ✓ Do you know what true wealth is? (Pro. 15:16-17)
 - ✓ Do you have self-control? (Pro. 25:25)
 - ✓ Do you radically give? (Pro. 3:9-10, 11:24, 22:9)
- **Radical Generosity.** (vv20, 22, 33)
A Radically Generous Person Will Give...
 - ✓ Consistently (Every paycheck) (2 Cor. 16:2)
 - ✓ Willingly (Not under compulsion or grudgingly) (2 Cor. 9:7)
 - ✓ Joyfully (As an overflow of God's love) (2 Cor. 9:7)
 - ✓ Generously (Your best not your leftovers) (2 Cor. 8:3, 9, 9:6-7)
 - ✓ Expectantly (Look for God's blessing) (2 Cor. 9:6, 8)

Are you giving in eye-popping proportions?
(Time. Talents and Treasure)

- **Humble Impartiality.** Vv19, 21, 22, 24
(James 2:1-13; 1 Tim. 6:6-10)
Here's the test of how you know you have humble impartiality:
How do you treat rich people and how do you treat poor people?
If there is any towering or cowering when it comes to a person's standard of living (net worth) than it is evident that money has more glory (weight, significance, importance) to you than the Cross. (Gal. 6:14)

HOW? (How does it happen?)

V21 Where your treasure is that is where your heart will be also.
(Pro. 4:23; Jer. 17:5-8; Luke 6:43-45)

- **My treasure controls my heart (mind, emotion, will).**
Treasure = to fill your heart with the beauty and value of something.
- **Whatever controls my heart controls my life.**
- **Money can reveal what my heart really treasures.**

WHY? (Why be radically generous?)

- **It's a mark of those who have made Christ their ultimate treasure.** vv19-20, 33
- **The more clearly I see that I am His treasure, the more fully He becomes my ultimate treasure.** Vv25-34
- **The more fully He becomes my ultimate treasure, the more anxiety is minimized and generosity maximized.**
“Anxious” 5xs (Rom. 8:31-32; 2 Cor. 5:21, 8:9; 9:8)

August 30

“Going”

Luke 10:1-21

September 6

“Glorifying”

Isaiah 6:1-13

September 13 Connection Sunday

Sept. 20-Oct. 25

New Teaching series

relationships

(strangers -> friends -> family!)

Luke 15

Join us for this six week series as we take an up close look at the parables found in Luke 15. They will teach us how we can make bad relationships better and good relationships great.



Growing

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1) The Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7) is what the Gospel of Jesus Christ looks like if we live it out. Read our text (Matt. 6:19-34) on the topic of money and possessions. Why do you think Jesus had a lot to say about money and possessions? A Genuine Christian will be a Growing Christian and Growing Christian will be a Giving Christian. Explain.

2) What are the three characteristics of a Giving Christian? Why do you think greed/materialism has a blinding affect (vv22-23; Luke 12:15)? How well are you doing on the list of hard questions under honest accountability (Tall or Grande or Venti)?

3) What does radical generosity look like in relationship to our money (also, time and talents)? What is the test of whether or not you have humble impartiality when it comes to money and possessions?

4) What does it mean that where your treasure is that is where your heart will be also (v21)? How does where I spend my money and my time reveal what my heart really treasures? What will happen if I make money my significance and security (vv31-32)?

5) How is radical generosity of time, talent and treasure a mark of those who treasure Christ above everything? How does a person grow in treasuring Christ? Take time now to treasure him in prayer.