



Series: True Riches

Sermon: Part 4: Treasures In Heaven

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For God [The Father] so loved the world [us] that He [The Father] gave His One and only Son [Jesus], that whoever believes in Him [Jesus] shall not perish [Hell] but have eternal life [Heaven]. (John 3:16)

He [God the Father] who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all—how will He not also, along with Him [Jesus], graciously give us all things? (Romans 8:32)

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down His life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth. (1 John 3:16-18)

One of the biggest barriers to giving for the believer is the belief that this present Earth is our forever home.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on Earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in Heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:19-21)

What Lasts For Eternity?

1. The Word of God

2. People

Every time we _____ instead of keep, we end up investing in the eternal instead of the temporal. When we cling to Earthly treasures, they will eventually be lost. However, when we use them for God’s purposes, we end up storing up treasures in Heaven.

A _____: Where God told His people to give 10% of their first fruits from their harvest back to Him before using any of the harvest for personal consumption

The Israelites generously gave the firstfruits of their grain, new wine, olive oil and honey and all that the fields produced. They brought a great amount, a tithe of everything. (2 Chronicles 31:5)

The purpose of tithing is to teach you always to put God first in your lives. (Deuteronomy 14:23 TLB)

Tithing would be the _____ wheels for greater generosity.

The world of the generous gets larger and larger; the world of the stingy gets smaller and smaller. The one who blesses others is abundantly blessed; those who help others are helped. (Proverbs 11:24-25 MSG)



God is generous with everything He has and as His followers, He wants us to be _____ with everything we have.

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. (2 Corinthians 9:6-8)

“God prospers me not to raise my standard of living but to raise my standard of giving.” (Pastor Randy Alcorn, The Treasure Principle)

Following God’s Plan of Tithing Becomes:

- 1. A practice of gratitude**
- 2. A practice of priority**
- 3. A practice of faith**

Where do I tithe to? The church you consider to be your _____

Our tithes are used to create environments so people can follow Jesus, follow Jesus with others, and help others to follow Jesus.

We want our _____ to go towards what lasts forever, into eternity: which is the Word of God and investing in the lives of people.

Bottom Line: *God is generous with everything He has and as His followers, He wants us to be generous with everything we have.*

Questions to reflect on this week or with others:

- 1. If Earth is not our forever home, how does this change the way we see and use our finances?*
- 2. How may you practice tithing as a way for you to be even more generous and rich towards God?*
- 3. How would the practice of giving shape your heart to become more like Jesus as you have eternity in mind with how you use what you have? How can you start to do this?*

Songs used in service: This is Our God (Phil Wickham), Graves Into Gardens (Elevation Worship) (Hillsong Worship), Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing (Robert Robinson), Our Daily Bread (Kari Jobe and Pat Barrett), Great Is Thy Faithfulness (Thomas Chisholm)

Any prayer requests?

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Name _____ **Date:** _____ **Email:** _____

What can we be praying for you about?