



**Generosity Revolution Week 3**

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***“So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”***

Luke 12:21

**“PERSECUTION IS THE DEVIL’S SECOND BEST WEAPON – MATERIALISM IS THE FIRST!”**

***“HOW DO MODERN CHRISTIANS AND CHURCHES AVOID THE SEDUCTIVE POWER OF MATERIAL POSSESSIONS? HOW CAN WEALTH REMAIN A “GOOD” FOR THEIR ENJOYMENT RATHER THAN LEADING THEM FURTHER AWAY FROM GOD AND THE PRIORITIES OF HIS KINGDOM? THE RECURRING ANSWER OF BOTH TESTAMENTS IS THROUGH GENEROUS GIVING TO OTHERS.”***

**CRAIG L. BLOMBERG, “REVOLUTION IN GENEROSITY” 52**

***“And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, “Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.”’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”***

Luke 12:18-21

- Jesus describes laying up treasure on earth as not being \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.

**OUR GOAL IS TO BECOME RICH TOWARDS GOD**

***“They are to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share, thus storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.”***

1Ti 6:18-19

- These verses teach that the way to store up treasure for yourself in heaven is
  1. doing \_\_\_\_\_
  2. being \_\_\_\_\_ in good works
  3. being \_\_\_\_\_
  4. ready to \_\_\_\_\_
- The conclusion once again is that generosity is essential to love the Lord your God with all your \_\_\_\_\_
- The question is not what, or how much, we have; rather, what are we doing with what we \_\_\_\_\_?



**"IF YOU LOVE CHRIST AND THE WORK OF HIS KINGDOM MORE THAN ANYTHING ELSE, YOUR GIVING WILL SHOW THAT. IF YOU ARE TRULY SUBMITTED TO THE LORDSHIP OF CHRIST, IF YOU ARE WILLING TO OBEY HIM COMPLETELY IN EVERY AREA OF YOUR LIFE, YOUR GIVING WILL REVEAL IT."**

DONALD S. WHITNEY, SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES FOR THE CHRISTIAN LIFE (COLORADO SPRINGS, CO: NAVPRESS, 1991), 140.

*"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;"*  
Matt. 19:21

*"But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind, and you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you. For you will be repaid at the resurrection of the just."*  
Luke 14:13-14

*"You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven."*  
Mat 5:14-16

- Your life has to be lived not in isolation from others but in \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

**"WITHOUT CONTACT THERE CAN BE NO IMPACT."**

LARRY OSBOURNE – THRIVING IN BABYLON

- The GOOD NEWS is not just words but includes letting your light shine before others. That includes \_\_\_\_\_ works.

*"Now there was in Joppa a disciple named Tabitha, which, translated, means Dorcas. She was full of good works and acts of charity."*  
Acts 9:36

*"In Caesarea there lived a Roman army officer named Cornelius, who was a captain of the Italian Regiment. He was a devout, God-fearing man, as was everyone in his household. He gave generously to the poor and prayed regularly to God."*  
Acts 10:1-2 NLT

*"He told me, 'Cornelius, your prayer has been heard, and your gifts to the poor have been noticed by God!"*  
Acts 10:31 NLT

*"If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven;"*  
Matt. 19:21