



Leading People into a Growing
Relationship with Jesus Christ!

Series – Blessed: A “How to:” Guide
Message – How to Get Rich
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Learn what God says about money!

Acts 20:35 (NLT) says, “You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’”

1 Timothy 6:17-18 (NLT) says, “Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others.”

The issue is not how many DOLLARS, but the PERCENTAGE!

The focus is not on FINANCES, but on the health of your HEART!

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT) says, “Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. Jesus called his disciples to him and said, ‘I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on.’”

Live out God’s principles for the health of your HEART!

Money is not just a number—it has deep meaning in our lives. This is why Jesus spoke about it more than any other topic. Prepare-Enrich, a powerful pre-marriage and marriage assessment tool, describes four different roles that money can play in our lives:

Status

Security

Enjoyment

Control

Which of the four do you resonate with the most?

Think of your giving as one of God’s greatest gifts TO you to keep your heart healthy. Describe how giving away money helps your heart be healthy.



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Love God by trusting His provision!

Malachi 3:8-10 (NLT): Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! “But you ask, ‘What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?’ “You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me. You are under a curse, for your whole nation has been cheating me. Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do,” says the LORD of Heaven’s Armies, “I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won’t have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!”

Pastor John said, “Tithing is putting God to the test by **returning** the first 10% of what God trust to me back to Him through His church.”

Why “**returning**”? Because everything you possess actually belongs to God, and by returning your tithe and additional offerings to God, you are choosing to put your trust in God.

Consider the two opposite ends of the heart-giving spectrum:

I GIVE:												MY GIVING IS:
Spontaneously	Fear										Faith	Priority
Sporadically	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10		Percentage
Sparingly												Progressive

What holds some people back from experiencing God’s blessing in their lives? Is anything holding you back?

Imagine if every Christian would trust God and invest their tithes and offerings: what would happen?

Lead by example!

For those of you who are thankful and excited because you have 1) trusted God by giving from your heart, and 2) watched God take care of you in amazing ways, would you describe the process as you giving more to God, or God giving more to you?

How would you encourage someone who wants to trust God but is fearful of losing “status,” “security,” “enjoyment,” or “control”?

Pray!

2 Thessalonians 1:11–12 (NLT) says, “So we keep on praying for you, asking our God to enable you to live a life worthy of his call. May he give you the power to accomplish all the good things your faith prompts you to do. Then the name of our Lord Jesus will be honored because of the way you live, and you will be honored along with him. This is all made possible because of the grace of our God and Lord, Jesus Christ.”