

The Treasure Principle: Part 3

Week 3 of 4

PRAY • REVIEW THE TITHE • THE PROBLEM IS OUR HEART

For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:21

EVERYTHING WAS BROKEN IN THE GARDEN.

fundamental problem of the human condition: we chase the wrong things, control, relationships and earthly stuff. the fundamental solution to the human condition is submission and sacrifice.

EVERYTHING IS FIXED IN JESUS.

Going a little farther, he fell with his face to the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as you will."

Matthew 26:39

John 17:1-5 (p. 751)

Hebrews 12:1-2 (p. 835)

Philippians 2:5-11 (p. 815).

The cross provides freedom and forgiveness, but also a model of sacrificial giving.

Jesus: "I know what's mine, and I know what's not. I don't depend on either, but I anticipate something great!"

What Jesus gave was no TITHE. He willfully released what he rightfully owned to pay for what we unrightly have stolen. He gave what he owned to pay for what we stole.

The Jesus Model of Giving is sacrificially paying for **other** people's **mistakes**.

I LIKE SOCIAL JUSTICE MUCH MORE THAN SOCIAL MERCY • BUT IF WE KEEP GIVING, WE'LL RUN OUT WE DON'T GIVE TO MISTAKES BECAUSE THERE IS NO RETURN ON OUR INVESTMENT.

The Jesus Model of Giving understands that **blessings** come from **sacrifice** .

AND THE REWARDS ARE NOT JUST FOR JESUS!

If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.... Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights...

James 1:5, 17

CAVEAT: MT 7:6 :: no pearls to pigs • GAL 6:10 :: do good to all, especially family of believers

1. THE **Heart** BLESSING

WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS...

2. THE **Tithe** BLESSING

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.

Malachi 3:10

TITHE REBATE FORM

3. THE **Recognition** BLESSING

Mark 14:3-9 (p. 706)

Great Recognition of Christ will always be recognized by Christ • JIM ELLIOT

4. THE **Friendship** BLESSING

I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

Luke 16:9

ILL: What if you make a positive impact on someone who comes to faith? doesn't come to faith? \$50 TO THROW A PARTY FOR YOUR NON-CHRISTIAN FRIEND • WHAT QUESTIONS DO YOU HAVE ABOUT FAITH, GOD, SPIRITUALITY, THE BIBLE?

5. THE **Mutuality** BLESSING

All the believers were together and had everything in common. Selling their possessions and goods, they gave to anyone as he had need.

Acts 2:44-45

Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality,

2 Corinthians 8:13-14

CHURCH IN ARKANSAS THAT PAYS OFF DEBTS

6. THE **Christ** BLESSING

But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ.

Philippians 3:7-8

Take it home

The path to true blessing meanders through sacrifice.

NEXT WEEK: QUESTIONS GOD ASKS YOU + QUESTIONS YOU'D ASK GOD.

