

The Treasure Principle: Part 4

Week 4 of 4

PRAY • LAST NIGHT WE DID A VERY GENEROUS THING... halloween... sorting candy... greed!

Review

- ☞ Week 3: When we give to eternal causes, God blesses us richly.
- ☞ Week 2: When we release to God his 10%, we can fully receive our 90%.
- ☞ Week 1: At the core of our problem is sinful selfishness.
taking what hasn't been given • not about money but our heart • money = barometer of the heart

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

Matthew 6:21

OUR Money PROBLEM IS A Heart PROBLEM

Now the LORD God had planted a garden in the east, in Eden; and there he put the man he had formed. And the LORD God made all kinds of trees grow out of the ground—trees that were pleasing to the eye and good for food. In the middle of the garden were the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.... The LORD God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it. And the LORD God commanded the man, "You are free to eat from any tree in the garden; but you must not eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil, for when you eat of it you will surely die."

Genesis 2:8-9, 2:15-17

Then God blessed Noah and his sons, saying to them, "Be fruitful and increase in number and fill the earth. The fear and dread of you will fall upon all the beasts of the earth and all the birds of the air, upon every creature that moves along the ground, and upon all the fish of the sea; they are given into your hands. Everything that lives and moves will be food for you. Just as I gave you the green plants, I now give you everything. "But you must not eat meat that has its lifeblood still in it. And for your lifeblood I will surely demand an accounting. I will demand an accounting from every animal. And from each man, too, I will demand an accounting for the life of his fellow man. "Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed; for in the image of God has God made man.

Genesis 9:1-6

God gives us access to more than he wants us to have,
 but we take more than we've been given.

God's dilemma:

How do you bless people who are never satisfied?

ILL: CHARLIE AT DISNEY WORLD GETTING THINGS EVERY DAY...

ANSWER 1:

Give them a taste of something infinitely valuable.
we weren't designed for the stuff of this earth

ANSWER 2:

Remove from them their addiction to
themselves.

BOTH ANSWERS ARE GIVEN IN JESUS.

For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 6:23

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2 Corinthians 5:21

**THAT'S WHY JESUS DIED / SOMEHOW THE CHAIN OF GREED AND SIN HAD TO BE BROKEN
 A HUMAN TO LIVE A SELFLESS LIFE • A HOLY GOD TO REMOVE MY SIN
 That's why we come to this place... That's why we come to this table.**

ANSWER 3:

Get them to relax their grip on earthly stuff.

A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.

Leviticus 27:30

ANSWER 4:

Get them to invest in eternal things.

Haggai 1:3-11 (p. 656)

2 Corinthians 9:5-8 (p. 795)

1 John 3:16-18 (p. 845)

**THAT'S WHY WE PASS THESE BASKETS • I DON'T NEED THIS JOB TO REACH PEOPLE...
 BUT I HAVE THIS FEELING THAT WHAT WE DO HERE HAS GREAT POTENTIAL TO HELP PEOPLE FAR
 FROM GOD FIND REAL LIFE IN CHRIST. I BELIEVE THAT MEETING HERE, HAVING AN OFFICE, HIRING
 STAFF, AND YES EVEN MAILING POSTCARDS JUST MIGHT CHANGE SOMEONE'S LIFE FOR ETERNITY!**

LINGERING QUESTIONS:

READ LIFE CHANGE STORIES