



Generosity Revolution Week 2
City Transformation Through a Generosity Revolution
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"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

"No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money."

(Mat 6:19-21, 24)

"Which of these three, do you think, proved to be a neighbour to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise."
(Luke 10:36-37)

HORACE BUSHNELL WRITES,

"ONE MORE REVIVAL; ONLY ONE MORE IS NEEDED; THE REVIVAL OF CHRISTIAN STEWARDSHIP; THE CONSECRATION OF THE MONEY POWER OF THE CHURCH UNTO GOD; AND WHEN THAT REVIVAL COMES THE KINGDOM OF GOD WILL COME IN A DAY. YOU CAN NO MORE PREVENT IT THAN YOU CAN HOLD BACK THE TIDES OF THE OCEAN."

"HOME PROBLEMS OF FOREIGN MISSIONS," THE BAPTIST MISSIONARY MAGAZINE, AMERICAN BAPTIST MISSIONARY UNION (1902): 92.

- The Good Samaritan teaches us that "showing mercy" is absolutely essential to loving our neighbour. And we also learn from the Good Samaritan that **showing mercy** requires radical _____ of time, talent and money.

"WE COME TO UNDERSTAND THAT OUR PERSPECTIVE ON AND HANDLING OF MONEY IS A LITMUS TEST OF OUR TRUE CHARACTER. IT IS AN INDEX OF OUR SPIRITUAL LIFE."
ALCORN, MONEY, POSSESSIONS AND ETERNITY, 21.

- There is a deep rooted connection between compassion, mercy, generosity and _____ our neighbour.

"If someone has enough money to live well and sees a brother or sister in need but shows no compassion—how can God's love be in that person? Dear children, let's not merely say that we love each other; let us show the truth by our actions. Our actions will show that we belong to the truth, so we will be confident when we stand before God." 1 Jn 3:17-19

- These verses point out that if God's love is in a person: Compassion and generosity will be the natural _____ that results.

"I DO NOT GIVE AWAY 10 PERCENT, I SURRENDER 100 PERCENT."
GEORGE BARNA

You can't separate how you give from how you live

"THERE ARE THREE CONVERSIONS INVOLVED IN THE CHRISTIAN LIFE: HEAD, HEART, AND PURSE (OR WALLET)." M
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"And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need."

Acts 2:44-45

- There is a close connection between generosity and _____: they go hand in hand and are both fruits of the Holy Spirit.

"THE LIFE THAT WE ALL PRIZE, FILLED WITH JOY AND SPIRITUAL DEPTH, IS CLOSELY TIED TO GIVING GENEROUSLY AND WITH THANKFUL HEARTS."

DONALD W. HINZE. TO GIVE AND GIVE AGAIN: A CHRISTIAN IMPERATIVE FOR GENEROSITY.

- There are 2 places your treasure can be: on _____ or in heaven.

"And he said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

Luke 12:15

- What hinders radical _____ is covetousness which is one of the Ten Commandments (Ex. 20:17)

"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)

- When you use your excess for ease and pleasure rather than for generosity and blessing others, you are laying up treasure for yourself and not being _____ toward 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)

- The conclusion once again is that generosity is essential to love the Lord your God with all your _____. How you spend your time, talent and treasure really does matter as a Christian and it really should be a significant priority in your life.