



Share Wealth Generously

Wealth: Is It Worth It? - Part 3 of 4

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Big Idea: Wealth is worth it if we share it generously with the needy around us, our children, and for God's purposes in His Church and Kingdom.

Text: Luke 16:19-31

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day."

– Luke 16:19

"The angels carried him to Abraham's side." – Luke 16:22b

"The rich man also died and was buried." – Luke 16:22c

"In hell, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. So he called to him, 'Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.' " – Luke 16:23-24

"But Abraham replied, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.' " – Luke 16:25-26

You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion. – 2 Corinthians 9:11a

I. WE CAN GIVE TO THE _____.

If there is a poor man among your brothers in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward your poor brother. Rather be openhanded and freely lend him whatever he needs. – Deuteronomy 15:7-8

"Then he will say to those on his left, 'Depart from me, you who are cursed, into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you gave me nothing to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not invite me in, I needed clothes and you did not clothe me, I was sick and in prison and you did not look after me.' "They also will answer, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or needing clothes or sick or in prison, and did not help you?' "He will reply, 'I tell you the truth, whatever you did not do for one of the least of these, you did not do for me.' " – Matthew 25:41-45

There were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned lands or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone as he had need. – Acts 4:34-35

If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? – 1 John 3:17

QUALIFIERS:

A. We are to help those who are not _____.

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone will not work, neither let him eat. – 2 Thessalonians 3:10 {NASV}

B. We are to help fellow _____.

*Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, **especially to those who belong to the family of believers.** – Galatians 6:10*

C. We have a responsibility to be _____.

Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world. – 1 John 4:1

He who gives to the poor will lack nothing, but he who closes his eyes to them receives many curses. – Proverbs 28:27

II. WE CAN GIVE TO _____.

A good man leaves an inheritance for his children's children, but a sinner's wealth is stored up for the righteous. – Proverbs 13:22

*Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds. Teach them to your children.
– Deuteronomy 11:18a, 19a*

III. WE CAN GIVE TO _____.

*"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*

*"Will a man rob God? Yet you rob me. But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' In tithes and offerings."
– Malachi 3:8*

"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

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work. – 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

A. _____.

B. _____.

And whoever sows generously will also reap generously. – 2 Corinthians 9:6b

C. _____.

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine. – Proverbs 3:9-10