**Generous** Part 1

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 **5 Principles of finances**

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* Spending
* Saving
* Investing
* Giving

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**We don’t just need money to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we need something to \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

(Acts 20:24) But my life is worth nothing to me unless I use it for finishing the work assigned me by the Lord Jesus—the work of telling others the Good News about the wonderful grace of God.

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(Luke 12:15) Then he said, “Beware! Guard against every kind of greed. Life is not measured by how much you own.

**Contentment is not the fulfillment of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ but the realization of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.**

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(Proverbs 18:11) The rich think of their wealth as a strong defense; they imagine it to be a high wall of safety.

(Proverbs 30:8-9) First, help me never to tell a lie. Second, give me neither poverty nor riches! Give me just enough to satisfy my needs. **9**For if I grow rich, I may deny you and say, “Who is the Lord?” And if I am too poor, I may steal and thus insult God’s holy name.

**I will not trust in riches \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ who richly provides.**

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**God owns everything \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_**

(Matthew 6:19-20) Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal.20Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal.

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(Acts 20:35) And I have been a constant example of how you can help those in need by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.

**The value of my life isn’t determined by how much I achieve or accumulate but by how much of my life I give away.**

(1 Timothy 6:18-19) 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. **19**By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.

**God’s Way Works**