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Part 2: Purpose Driven Giving

Big Idea

It has been said that “It is okay to own things, but it is not okay to have things own you.” The Word of God makes it clear that God desires to bless his people, but His Word also demonstrates that biblical generosity views one’s resources as a tool to be used with great intentionality to help others. Truly, we are blessed to be a blessing.

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal!”

(Matthew 6:19-20 *NIV*)

Discussion Questions

- What is the difference between “spending” your resources (money, time, possessions, etc.) and “investing” them? What do these “natural” things have to do with our spiritual relationship with Christ?
- Is anyone going to be in heaven because of your “giving”? If not, what can you do to change that, and if so, what can you do to increase it?
- The Bible is very clear that “where your treasure is, your heart will be also”. In the light of this truth, where is your heart, and where do you want it to be?
- Matthew 6 tells you to “lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven...” What are the personal benefits derived from biblical generosity?

Next Step

- Do a personal evaluation of the various ways you give, paying particular attention to how they correspond to the five “Eternal Investment Funds” presented by Pastor Rick Warren.
- Develop a written plan to add one of those “ways of giving” to your lifestyle this week in order to become more intentional about making eternal investments?
- Share your plan with a trusted spiritual friend or mentor and ask them to keep you accountable to implement it, and to make it an ongoing part of your life.

Prayer Focus

Enlist 2 or 3 members of your group (in advance) to lead in a time of prayer focused on asking God to guide the group to be purpose driven...eternity driven givers.

Leader Tips

Encourage your group members to think of a personal story about how God has changed their view of giving, and to share that story with someone in their life in the coming week.