

Unstrapped

#3: Unleashing The Power Of Generosity

1. I believe God wants me to do this

Malachi 3:6-9 *"Bring all the tithes into the storehouse so there will be enough food in my Temple. If you do," says the LORD of Heaven's Armies, "I will open the windows of heaven for you. I will pour out a blessing so great you won't have enough room to take it in! Try it! Put me to the test!"*

2. I believe God's promises to bless me

2 Corinthians 9:6-8 *...whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully must also reap bountifully.*

3. I believe my giving lasts forever

Luke 12:32-34 *Sell your possessions, and give to the needy. Provide yourselves with moneybags that do not grow old, with a treasure in the heavens that does not fail, where no thief approaches and no moth destroys.*

4. It builds His Church

Matthew 16:18 *Now I say to you that you are Peter...and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it.*

5. I want to be closer to God

Luke 12:34 *For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

a) It keeps money in the right place

b) It keeps God in the top spot

Deuteronomy 14:23 *The purpose of tithing is to teach you to always put God first in your lives. (The Living Bible)*

6. It demonstrates my faith

1 John 4:43-54

7. It is an express of my gratitude

1 Chronicles 29:14 *But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? Everything comes from You, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.*

Signs of Greed In Our Hearts (Andy Stanley)

Greedy people talk a lot and worry a lot about money

Greedy people are not cheerful givers

Greedy people are reluctant to share

Greedy people quibble over insignificant sums of money

Greedy people talk as if they have just enough to get by

Greedy people won't let you forget what they've done for you

Greedy people are reluctant to express gratitude

Greedy people aren't content with what they have

Greedy people attempt to control people with their money

How do you react when you can't get something you want?

3 Diagnostic Questions To Show Who Is Really Lord Of Your Money

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- 1) What is "first" in your decisions? Is your first question in finances "What does God want me to do?"
- 2) Does God get the first and best of all you receive?
- 3) Do you think of yourself as an owner of manager of your resources?

Luke 6:24 *But woe to you who are rich, for you have already received your comfort.*

Proverbs 22:9 *... He who has a generous eye will be blessed, for he gives of his bread to the poor.*

Matthew 16:26 *And what do you benefit if you gain the whole world but lose your own soul? Is anything worth more than your soul?*

Hosea 13:6 *When I fed them, they were satisfied; when they were satisfied, they became proud; then they forgot me.*

1 Timothy 6:10 *For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

"Nothing you have not given away will ever really be yours."

CS Lewis