

GO GENEROUSLY
Part 2: GOD'S ECONOMY
February 11, 2018

"... It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35 (NIV)

IN GOD'S ECONOMY ...

"There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores and longing to eat what fell from the rich man's table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores."

Luke 16:19-21 (NIV)

"The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham's side. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, 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 16:22-24 (NIV)

"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 set in place, 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 (NIV)

"He answered, 'Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.' "Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.'

Luke 16:27-29 (NIV)

"'No, father Abraham,' he said, 'but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.' "He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.'"

Luke 16:30-31 (NIV)

5. GIVING GENEROUSLY TO THE POOR IS A _____.

"There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land."

Deuteronomy 15:11 (NIV)

6. GIVING GENEROUSLY SHOULD BE ...

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver."

II Corinthians 9:7 (NIV)

A. _____

B. _____

C. _____

"... we gave you this rule: "The one who is unwilling to work shall not eat."

II Thessalonians 3:10 (NIV)

D. _____

7. **GIVING GENEROUSLY BREAKS THE _____**
_____ OVER ME.

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life."
I Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

- **In God's economy I must flip the question from, "How much should I _____?", to, "How much should I _____?"**

MY NEXT STEP THIS WEEK IS ...

- I will discover what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.
 - Check box on back of Communication Card
- I will go deeper by attending The Truth Project.
 - Sign-up in the Atrium
- I will serve my GNG Family and attend PREP 1 on February 24th.
 - Sing-up in the Atrium
- I will Sign-up for Financial Freedom with Gary Lewis.
 - Contact the Church office at (937) 393-5383.