

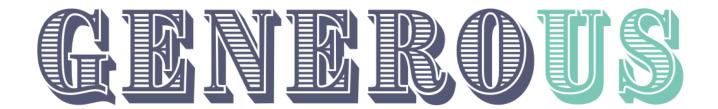
## January 7, 2024 Pastor Brian Greenleaf

## Luke 16:11, Matthew 6:19-21, Proverbs 21:20; 27:23-24a, Malachi 3:10

1. Keep Good			
	✓ Know where your money comes from and where it goes		
2.			
	✓ A budget is planned spending		
	✓ Your yearnings will exceed your earnings		
3.			
	✓ Do not allow envy (comparing/competing with others) to prevent you from saving		
4.			
	✓ Tithe (10%) as a starting point (Malachi 3:10)		
	<ul><li>✓ Give with gratitude as a declaration of faith</li><li>✓ Make God your first priority, He owns it all</li></ul>		
5.			
	✓ Learn to be thankful and to enjoy what you have (Philippians 4:10-13)		
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What most people do:	The order God blesses:
1. Earn it	1. Earn it
2. Enjoy it	2 it
3. Repay it (past)	3 it
4. Save it (future)	4 it
5. Give it (eternal)	5. Enjoy it

<b>'</b>	Out of control finances are symptoms of an out of control
<b>~</b>	We need more than a financial planner, we need a – Jesus Christ
<b>/</b>	Behind all of our financial problems is
<b>'</b>	We need to let Jesus first be the of our lives,



## **Sermon Talks**

- 1. What caught your attention in this week's message? Was there something you had never heard before or something you had a question about?
- 2. Of the statistics given, which one is the most alarming to you?
- 3. One of the statistics says that 62% of couples who argue have disagreements about money. When that is you, what do you find to be the primary cause of your money arguments?
- 4. Randy Alcorn says, "It is impossible to become a fully developed follower of Jesus without also becoming a fully developed steward of your resources." Do you believe this to be true? If so, why or why not?
- 5. Do you keep good records? Do you have a budget?
  - If you answered yes to these two questions, how have keeping good records and budgeting helped you manage your finances? What has been the hardest part and the greatest benefit?
- 6. In what way has envy (comparing and competing) influenced your use of money? How do you overcome the desire to "keep up with the Joneses?"
- 7. Which of the two columns in the table do you fall under? Do you feel God is convicting you to make adjustments? If so, what are they?
- 8. What steps can you take to allow Jesus to have more control of your finances?

## Pray about it: Meditate on God's Word and this week's message.

**Adoration**: What can I praise God for in light of what this teaches me?

**Confession**: What sin can I confess because of what this teaches me?

**Thanksgiving**: What can I thank God for in light of what he has done?

**Supplication**: What do I need to ask of God in order to grow in light of this?