

# GENEROUS

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**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)
  - ✓ Give with gratitude as a declaration of faith
  - ✓ Make God your first priority, He owns it all
5. \_\_\_\_\_
  - ✓ Learn to be thankful and to enjoy what you have (Philippians 4:10-13)

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

- ✓ Out of control finances are symptoms of an out of control \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ We need more than a financial planner, we need a \_\_\_\_\_ - Jesus Christ
- ✓ Behind all of our financial problems is \_\_\_\_\_
- ✓ We need to let Jesus first be the \_\_\_\_\_ of our lives, and then the \_\_\_\_\_

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## 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?