

# GOD'S GIFT OF GIVING

## #3 TIPS FOR TREASURERS

Psalm 10:3-6 Luke 12:13-34

### 1 JESUS TALKS TREASURE TO THE CROWD—THEN TO HIS DISCIPLES

A. A Covetous Brother, Not of the Brethren, Demands the Wrong Inheritance

B. A Stern Warning & A Warm Encouragement for Us—Treasurers All

### 2 THE RICH FOOL WHO WASN'T RICH TOWARD GOD

A. Self-indulgent, Self-secure, Self-talking

B. A Very Different Message From God Than From Self—"You Are Poor!"

**Rev. 3:17** (Laodicea) "For you say, 'I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing,' not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked."

**Rev. 2:9** (Smyrna) "I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich) and the slander of those who say that they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."

**Pro. 11:25-26** Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered. The people curse him who holds back grain, but a blessing is on the head of him who sells it.

### 3 BELIEVERS IN JESUS MUST GRASP GOD'S RICHNESS TOWARD THEM

A. A Very Different Message From God Than From Self—"You Are Rich!"

**Rom. 8:32** He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

**1Cor. 3:21-23** For all things are yours, whether Paul or Apollos or Cephas or the world or life or death or the present or the future—all are yours, and you are Christ's, and Christ is God's.

**Rom. 8:16-17** The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

B. Tender Entreaties About Crows & Lilies, Flocks & Kingdoms, Fathers & Shepherds

**Jam. 2:5** Listen, my beloved brothers, has not God chosen those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he has promised to those who love him?

C. The Heavenly Investment Strategy That Ends Anxiety—Giving

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

**Luk. 16:24-25** But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that you in your lifetime received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner bad things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in anguish.'

# CONFESSING OUR FAITH

## HEIDELBERG CATECHISM AD 1563

### QUESTION 1

#### What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That I, with body and soul, both in life and in death, am not my own, **but belong to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ**, who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and redeemed me from all the power of the devil; and so preserves me, that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must work together for my salvation. Wherefore, by His Holy Spirit, He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready henceforth to live unto Him.

AMEN

**Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body.**

1 Corinthians 6:19-20

**Likewise, my brothers, you also have died to the law through the body of Christ, so that you may belong to another, to him who has been raised from the dead, in order that we may bear fruit for God.**

Romans 7:4