

**God's Principles and Priorities on  
Time, Talent and Treasure**  
**Part 1. Financial stewardship, money, giving and blessing**  
*(A Biblical perspective taken from The Blessed Life by Robert Morris)*

## **VI. The Heart of the Matter**

### **It's Not just a Money thing (Luke 6:27-38)**

- Whose stuff is it anyway? (Luke 6:27-31)
- To whom are we suppose to give and with what expectation? (Luke 6:32-36)
- What else can we give, besides money? (Luke 6:37)
  - Mercy, forgiveness, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_
- Finally...what is the result [reward]? (Luke 6:38)

### **Motive – the heart of the matter**

- “Why” is more important than “what” (Proverbs 16:2)
- Not only why you *give* but why you *ask* (James 4:3)
- When it comes to giving, what kinds of “hearts” are there?
  - Selfish♠, grieving♣, generous♦, grateful♥

### **The four ‘hearts’ illustrated** (Deuteronomy 15:7-15)

#### **♠ The Selfish Heart** (Deuteronomy 15:9)

- We are all born selfish [takers] (Psalm 119:34-37)
- The default human reaction is to hoard
- Selfishness tries to manipulate and make deals with God
- Selfishness convinces us we don't [won't] have enough
- The spirit of selfishness attacks us *before* we give

#### **♣ The Grieving Heart** (Deuteronomy 15:10)

- The spirit of grief attacks us *after* we give
- Shoppers experience “buyer's remorse” *after* a big purchase
- We can experience grief (remorse) if we have given because we felt pressured to or because we felt guilty or *under compulsion* (2 Corinthians 9:7)
- We need to remember – *Whose* was it in the first place and *Who* told us to give it

#### **♦ The Generous Heart** (Deuteronomy 15:14)

- The generosity paradox (Proverbs 11:24-26)
- Generosity here on earth yields treasures in heaven (1 Timothy 6:17-19)
- God will bless generosity (2 Corinthians 9:10-11, Luke 6:38, 2 Corinthians 9:6)

#### **♥ The Grateful Heart** (Deuteronomy 15:15)

- Everything we do should be done with a grateful heart (Colossians 3:16-17)
- What are we grateful for? What has God done for you that you are thankful for?
  - Salvation (Psalm 70:4), health, blessings (Psalm 128)
  - \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

*We were born takers – “born again” givers; we were born selfish – “born again” generous  
It takes a “heart” transplant*