

# ALL IN

## Stuff vs. Stories: Generosity

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### MESSAGE NOTES AND HIGHLIGHTS

- There's a connection between our hearts and how we spend our money.
  - For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. | Matthew 6:21
  - God doesn't need your money; he wants your heart.
  - "No one can serve two masters...You cannot serve both God and money." | Luke 16:13
  - One of the greatest conflicts you'll face each day is choosing whether to serve God or your money.
  - Do you have money, or does your money have you?
  - It's easy to think we're generous when we're not because we're really good at giving to some things sometimes.
  - Generosity is pre-deciding to consistently give a certain percentage of your money away to serve God and other people.
  - On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. | 1 Corinthians 16:2
  - Generous people: 1. Have a plan. 2. Give a percentage. 3. Make giving a priority.
  - The most important thing to remember as it relates to money is that it's not yours.
  - But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth... | Deuteronomy 8:17
  - Greed: when we assume it's all for us to consume.
  - Generosity breaks the back of greed in our lives.
  - Do I want more stuff or more stories?
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### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. If you were to rate yourself on a scale from 1 to 10 (1 being Scrooge and 10 being an open suitcase of cash on the sidewalk), how generous do you think you are?
2. One of the greatest conflicts many of us will face each day is choosing whether to serve God or our money. How do you experience or feel this tension on a daily basis?
3. It's easy to forget that we're stewards of the resources God has given us—that our money and our ability to make it has all come from God. When you reflect on that reminder and think about your relationship with your money, what comes to mind for you? What do you think God may be nudging you to see as it pertains to your finances?
4. Generosity breaks the back of greed in our lives and leads us to be more like Jesus. Share a goal or dream of yours as it pertains to being generous: What do you want to be able to do and to be like? What's a first step you can take toward that goal or dream?