



Week #1

Three Money Theologies and Drivers:

- _____ Gospel: driven by _____.
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And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. ⁵ And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. ⁶ So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. ⁷ But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving.

⁸ I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. ⁹ For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:1-9 (NIV)

For the Jesus follower, generosity is:

- A response to God's _____ and _____ to us. (v 9)

“For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ God sent his Son into the world not to judge the world, but to save the world through him.”

John 3:16-17 (NLT)

- An act of _____ and _____. (v 4,5)

Honor the Lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and he will fill your barns with wheat and barley and overflow your wine vats with the finest wines.

Proverbs 3:9-10 (TLB)

- A _____ and daily _____. (v 2,7)

If you start thinking to yourselves, “I did all this. And all by myself. I’m rich. It’s all mine!”—well, think again. Remember that God, your God, gave you the strength to produce all this wealth...

Deuteronomy 8:17-18 (MSG)

“Give away your life; you’ll find life given back, but not merely given back—given back with bonus and blessing. Giving, not getting, is the way. Generosity begets generosity.”

Luke 6:38 (MSG)

Discussion Questions

1. Which “money theology” (prosperity, poverty, or generosity) most influences the way you view and handle finances, and why?
2. How does remembering God’s generosity in Christ (2 Corinthians 8:9; John 3:16–17) reshape your attitude toward giving and stewardship?
3. In what ways could practicing generosity as a daily posture (Luke 6:38; Deuteronomy 8:17–18) free you from fear, greed, or guilt in relation to money?

Recommended Resources

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- [Love Your Life, Not Theirs](#), by Rachel Cruze
- [Kingdom Stewardship](#), by Tony Evans
- [Money, Possessions, and Eternity](#), by Randy Alcorn
- [Redeeming Money: How God Reveals and Reorients Our Hearts](#), by Paul David Tripp

Organizations

- Crown Financial Ministries - crown.org

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- An act of worship and trust. (v 4,5)

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