



Message Reflections

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"The more sacrificially generous you are on earth, the greater will be your enjoyment of heaven." - Pastor John Piper

Our perspective on money and possessions—and how we handle them—lies at the very heart of the Christian life. If you struggle with money, you're not alone. Money is a hard topic to talk about with anyone, and yet many struggle with financial questions and stress every day. The Bible has a lot to say about money and offers the freedom and contentment you may be seeking.

Read 1 Timothy 6:6-10.

- What have you been taught about money in the past, and how has that teaching shaped the way you think about money?
- Where do you find your satisfaction? How can you be content and satisfied with only the person of Jesus Christ?

Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.

- What have you personally reaped by sowing generously? How have others been impacted? How does this affect your motivations for giving?

God's gifts to us—family, health, and finances—are tools we can use to bless others. When we give of ourselves and surrender control back to God of our circumstances and resources, we join Him in His work in this world.

- Am I willing to move beyond my comfort zone and trust God in my giving?

Pray: Spend time praying this week for God's grace in growing your giving habits. Ask Him to help you identify an attitude or action you may need to change, and then ask for His divine intervention in giving you the courage to make that change.