



NOT MINE" 09/24/17

NOT ON MY WATCH THE POINT:

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ON MY WATCH, I WILL: GIVE OUTRAGEOUSLY

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but WE change, so <u>please</u> <u>discuss</u> these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- <u>God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our</u> <u>"antennae up", to be looking for it</u>. Go around your group and share your God Moments of how you have seen God working, either in your life or in the life of another, over the past few weeks.
- Is there anything that you want to share that has stood out to you so far from the current Point series?

The Review (optional)

Use this section only if you want to review for those who were not in the Point

- •Have someone explain the Point in their own words.*
- •What object lesson or illustration was used to communicate the Point this week? How did this apply to the Point?*
- •Have someone read or summarize the main Bible passage/story from the Point (see "The References" section).
- •How did this Bible passage teach the Point?*

*someone who was in the Point may need to explain this

• Would you rather wear glasses that make everything very blurry, or glasses that make everything reversed, like looking in a mirror? Why?

The Reflection (required)

<u>Discuss</u> these to go deeper, and more personal, into applying the Point

- Generosity doesn't begin with our wallets, it begins with our heart, so let's take some time to reflect on our hearts. **Read Philippians 2:1-2**. Have you ever taken a moment to stop and think about what Christ has done for you? While there are <u>many</u> things that He has done for us, for which of those that are listed in v. 1 are you most grateful? Why?
- Read Philippians 2:3-4. Let's explore this idea of "Rejection of Self" a bit more as it relates to generosity. Read the following passages and discuss how each demonstrates selfishness:
 - 1 Timothy 6:17-19 Where is selfishness in here? Do you consider yourself to be rich? What is your standard of "richness"? How do you think God sees your "richness" compared to the world?
 - Luke 12:16-21 How is this selfish? How long will the rich farmer's crops last? What could he have done to "reject self"?
 - Mark 12:41-44 Who is selfish in this passage? Why? How is the widow demonstrating the attitude of Christ?
- We can talk all that we want about having the attitude of Christ, but Jesus' attitude didn't stop with "feeling", He <u>did something</u> about it. Read Philippians 2:5-8. It's time to turn your feeling into action! What are <u>you</u> going to do—specifically—to be more generous?
- This heart attitude is *like Jesus*, so He wants to help us become less selfish and more generous! <u>Trade names and pray that for each other</u> <u>every day until we meet next week</u>.

The References

Main Passage: Philippians 2:1-5 (NET)

Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by [his] love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose. Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had...

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)*selected verses, read full passage in Bible

Command those who are rich in this present world <u>not to be arrogant</u> <u>nor to put their hope in wealth</u>, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Luke 12:16-21 (NLT)^{*selected verses, read full passage in Bible}

...Then he said, 'I know! <u>I'll tear down my barns and build bigger ones</u>. Then I'll have room enough to store all my wheat and other goods. And I'll sit back and say to myself, "My friend, you have enough stored away for years to come. Now take it easy! Eat, drink, and be merry!"'...

<u> Mark 12:41-44 (NIV)</u>

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. <u>They all gave out of their wealth; but she,</u> <u>out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on</u>."