



Discussion
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The Point:

GOD IS THE PROVIDER; *Our Job is to Trust*

The Repeats (required)

Yes, they are the same, but *WE* change, so please discuss these with your group

- [Share the announcements (on FB thread) with your group]
- God is ALWAYS working! Sometimes we just need to keep our “antennae up”, to be looking for it. 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?

*****Watch *The Treasure Principle Video* Session 2: The Spirituality of Giving, before continuing with the following questions based on that video.*****

The [Video] Review

- Randy introduced this session by describing the first key to the treasure principle: “God owns everything; I am His money manager.” What are the practical implications of God being the owner of your money?
- Randy asked, if everything we have belongs to God, shouldn't we be asking Him what He wants us to do with His stuff? Have you ever asked yourself what God may want you to do with the things He's given you?

The Reflection

Discuss these to go deeper, *and more personal*, into applying the video

- Read Matthew 6:21. This forms the second key in the treasure principle: “My heart always goes where I put God’s money.” How have you understood Matthew 6:21? What have you heard or understood the cause-and-effect relationship to be?
- Randy argued that Matthew 6:21 describes the result of investing in something. How does Randy’s explanation of being an investor impact you? Does it make sense? Why or why not?
- If our hearts always go where we invest God’s money, what will happen to our hearts when we start giving our money away? Where do we get our sense of security from if not from money?
- Read Acts 2:42–47. Based on the passage in Acts 2, what was most worthy of investment in the minds of the Jerusalem believers? Why?
- What does the Jerusalem church selling their “stuff” and investing in the poor say about their perspective of God’s kingdom?
- Read 2 Corinthians 8:1–15 and Romans 15:24–28. Describe the situation Paul’s talking about. What’s going on? What response does Paul expect from the Gentile churches?
- Given the experience of the Gentiles in Asia Minor, do we ever have an excuse to avoid being generous and helping others? Why/why not?
- Read 1 Timothy 6:17–19. Where should our investments be located according to Paul’s instructions? How do we shift it to that location?
- Close in personal prayer as individuals [or couples]. Ask God specifically to reveal to you [& your spouse] through the Holy Spirit one way in which you can reinvest your money into something kingdom-focused. And also ask that He give you the courage and strength to respond when the Holy Spirit *does* prompt you.

The References

Main Passage: **Malachi 3:8-12 (NIV)** *selected verses, read full passage in Bible

...Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty...

Acts 2:42-47 (NIV)

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. All the believers were together and had everything in common. They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

2 Corinthians 8:1-15 *too long to print, read passage in Bible

Romans 15:24-28 *too long to print, read passage in Bible

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NLT)

Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.