

# GIVE YOURSELF AWAY

Part 7: Give Yourself Away  
to Generosity

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<sup>17</sup> Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup> In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. – 1 Timothy 6:17-19

## What is this passage telling us?

- 1) We are rich (vs. 17a)
- 2) Don't tie your significance to your stuff (vs. 17b)
- 3) Don't put your trust in earthly wealth (vs. 17c)
- 4) Trust God who will provide you with everything you need (vs. 17d)

### **T** – Track your finances

*Be sure you know the condition of your flocks, give careful attention to your herds; for riches do not endure forever, and a crown is not secure for all generations. – Proverbs 27:23-24*

### **R** – Return ten percent to its rightful owner

*Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.  
– Malachi 3:10*

### **U** – Use good planning to gain victory

*The plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. – Proverbs 21:5*

### **S** – Save for the future

*The wise store up choice food and oil. But fools gulp theirs down.  
– Proverbs 21:20*

### **T** – Testify that "My God is Enough!"

*Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you." – Hebrews 13:5*

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5) Give yourself away in good deeds and generosity (vs. 18)

"From the moment He imparted life to mankind to the climactic gift of salvation through the death of His Son Jesus Christ, God has set the supreme example of radical, sacrificial giving for His followers." (From *Generosity*; © 2009 Gordon McDonald)

6) Make a wise investment (vs. 19)

## Next Steps

Take a few moments this week, grab a Bible and look more deeply into the scriptures that accompany the God's TRUST plan. Read them in context of the verses that come before and after. It will be time well spent.

## On Your Way Home

How many "commands" can you count on your way home? Think about stop signs, turn arrows, directional signs. Why are the commands there?

### Small Group Discussion Questions



- 1) How do you normally respond when someone tells you what to do?
  - a. Do it immediately without questioning
  - b. Question the person's authority and then comply if it's reasonable
  - c. Question everything regardless of who asked
  - d. Refuse to allow anyone to tell you what to do
- 2) Share a blessing from your life that makes you feel rich.
- 3) Here is a great opportunity for honesty. How healthy is your financial world? How does God fit into your approach to money?
- 4) Are you generous and willing to share? How do you live that out in your daily life?
- 5) What is the most generous thing anyone has ever done for you?
- 6) How can we pray for you tonight?