

TREASURE HUNTERS - Treasure Generosity

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Generosity is a _____, not a _____!

- It's not about _____ the Lord but _____ the Lord (3:9)
- It is _____ and _____ (3:9-10)
- It provides an _____ for the disease of _____ (11:24-25, 1 Timothy 6:6-19)
- It is all because of _____ (2 Corinthians 9:13-15)
- It is worth a _____ (3:27-28, Malachi 3:10-12)

Therefore, give _____,
_____, _____
(2 Corinthians 9:7-8)

FOR FURTHER ACTION AND REFLECTION:

- Memorize Proverbs 3:9-10. Read 2 Corinthians 8-9.
- Read *The Treasure Principle* by Randy Alcorn
- Reflect on these great examples of generosity: Handful of Rice – https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z_tqQXiKD8 and Bishop Hannington <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=59AKIDNSGtY>
- Check out these great principles on biblical tithing: <https://www.crfoursquare.com/tithing.html>
- Take some time and reflect on our whole series of Proverbs from this summer! What are two or three things God showed you that you don't want to forget?!

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

1. What stood out to you most from the message?
2. Share about a time when you benefited from someone else's generosity.
3. Tithing is so much about trusting. Share about a time or season in your life when God provided for you beyond what you could have imagined or asked for.
4. Read Proverbs 3:9-10 again. What is meant by "firstfruits"? (Consider Genesis 4:4 and Deuteronomy 26:1-11).
5. In what ways, honestly, has it been difficult for you to trust God in this area of generosity and giving?
6. Read 2 Corinthians 8:1-5, 9:6-15, and 1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19. What principles stand out to you in these passages and why?
7. Read Matthew 6:19-21. What is Jesus teaching us in this passage? What might it look like to apply this teaching in our lives?
8. Who is someone you know who is a good model of generosity and why?
9. Take some time to remember some of the messages we have heard on Proverbs this summer – how to treasure wisdom, righteousness, purity, humility, words, peacemaking, the future, work, compassion, and true beauty. What is something you want to remember from this season of hearing God's Word?