



Key Points :

- God loves a person who gives cheerfully (2 Corinthians 9.7)
- Jesus warns his followers to *watch out* when it comes to money (Lk 12.15), because however much we have, we always think everything will be better with just a little bit more. Jesus' answer is instead to be **rich towards God** (Lk 12.21)
- How can you be rich towards God? - not a demand, but an invitation.
 - **God invites you to think like a steward, not an owner** (cf. Psalm 24.1)
 - **God invites you to get tithing** - bringing (or returning!) the first tenth back to God (Malachi 3.10)
 - **God invites you to be a conduit of His blessing, not a collector of things**

Questions:

Conversation Starter

1. When you were younger, what did you think it looked like to be rich?

Start Thinking & Sharing

2. Which part of this message was most impactful for you and why?
3. "If I could only have _____, I'd be happy and fulfilled." How would you have answered that question before hearing this week's message? Has your thinking shifted since then? If so, how?
4. How is God calling you to step into His story through generous living?
5. In what ways do you think like a steward, and in what ways do you think like an owner? What would it look like to think more like a steward?

Start praying. Be bold, and pray specifically.

6. Father, thank You for Your abundant generosity. You've given us every good thing we have. Help us to embrace the opportunities You give us to bless others through generosity. In Jesus' name, amen.

Start doing. Commit to a step, and live it out this week.

7. Consider how you would like to respond in terms of giving your time, resources, money and gifts by taking some time to talk and pray with others this week.