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SESSION 4

THE #1 MYTH ABOUT MONEY

The myth about generosity:

When we give away, we end up with less. Although this might be mathematically true in the moment, it is not true for the scope of your life. Giving is the lifeblood of the believer. Generosity changes our lives and transforms us.

The myth is when I give I end with less. The truth is when I give I end with more, And although it does lead to more joy and blessing, most of the time it also leads to more money.

A clenched fist is the international sign of anger, an open hand is understood by all to be giving, friendly and inviting. Closed hand will stop money from getting away, but also stop any from coming. With an open hand some money might leave but more can come in.

Generosity is an indication of our spirit and affects the mathematics principle of manager as appose to owner. When we deposit money in the bank, the bank would have our money, but they don't have the right to use it. They are just managing it on our behalf.

In the same way God owns it all, we are managers. God will require us to do certain things with what belongs to him. God wants us to take care of our families in the process and manage the money as if it is not ours but rather God's money.

Matthew 7:11

If you then, being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask Him!

This is called stewardship and is based on the feudal economic system. According to this system there would have been a Lord – the owner of the land, and a manager (steward) who does not own anything, but manages everything that belongs to the owner (such as crop rotation, labourers, finances). A steward is an asset manager.

It starts with a giving perspective through the tithe, which is 10% of your income and goes to the local church.

Deuteronomy 26:10a (NASB)

“When you have finished paying all the tithe of your increase...

The tithe is the baseline of giving, it is where we start as a believer. Paying the tithe is not about keeping the rules. Giving is interwoven into our DNA. God wants us to give so that we can be more like Him.

Giving is a reminder of ownership. When we tithe it is a reminder of our steward/manage role and God's ownership role.

Giving is a form of praise and worship.

2 Corinthians 9:7 (NKJV)

...God loves a cheerful giver

Giving is spiritual warfare.

Malachi 3:11a

“And I will rebuke the devourer for your sakes...

Giving is not about salvation and God does not love you more because you tithe. God looks for people that He can trust to be good stewards.

Displacement theory

When enough clean water runs into a dirty cup, it will eventually displace the dirt. When a Christian takes ownership of a section in a market, then someone else can't be there.

Christians are called to enter the market place and take sections of it – Dallas Willard

Conclusion

We can change the culture but first we need to change the way we think. Giving does not cause us to end up with less, it will change who you are and transform your heart. Your income and opportunities will come from a generous spirit.

SESSION 5

PRIDE, POVERTY AND GRATITUDE

The bible is a love letter/manual on how to live our lives.

Luke 10:38- 42

Now it happened as they went that He entered a certain village; and a certain woman named Martha welcomed Him into her house. And she had a sister called Mary, who also sat at Jesus' feet and heard His word. But Martha was distracted with much serving, and she approached Him and said, "Lord, do You not care that my sister has left me to serve alone? Therefore tell her to help me." And Jesus answered and said to her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and troubled about many things. But one thing is needed, and Mary has chosen that good part, which will not be taken away from her."

John 12:1-7

Then, six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus was who had been dead,[a] whom He had raised from the dead. There they made Him a supper; and Martha served, but Lazarus was one of those who sat at the table with Him. Then Mary took a pound of very costly oil of spikenard, anointed the feet of Jesus, and wiped His feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the oil. But one of His disciples, Judas Iscariot, Simon's son, who would betray Him, said, "Why was this fragrant oil not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" This he said, not that he cared for the poor, but because he was a thief, and had the money box; and he used to take what was put in it. But Jesus said, "Leave her alone; she has kept this for the day of My burial.

There are three spirits around the subject of wealth - Robert Morris (The Blessed Life)

TABLE COMPARING 3 SPIRITS OF MONEY

Spirit of:

PRIDE

POVERTY

GRATITUDE

Belief: Wealth is from ...	Hard Work	The devil	God and belongs to God
Represented by (Luke 10:38- 42, John 12:1-7)	Martha	Judas	Mary
Action	Performance based	Wealth is evil, so guilt sets in	Live life as an act of thanksgiving
Language	“I need to do things, in order to be loved”	“I can’t have it, should rather sell it and give the money to the poor”	“Thank you Jesus for...”
Origin		Gnostic’s believed that anything physical was evil	A realization of what Jesus did for us at the cross will lead to a life of gratitude
Faith principle	What ever comes up after we have sown and labored is not up to us	People are not holy or evil, based on how poor or rich they are	Generosity and excellence naturally flow from a spirit of gratitude
Speaks	“it is all me” “it is cause and effect”	“I want what you have’ or “I don’t think that I can get it, so I don’t want you to have it”	Thank you Jesus for...”

Learn your view of wealth from the bible, not from the world's view of theology. Jesus taught in the parable of the talents that redistribution of wealth, is not according to least or most, but according to who manages well. Fair is not equal. Just as our children are different and therefore not equal.

Proverbs 22:6 (AMP)

Train up a child in the way he should go [and in keeping with his individual gift or bent], and when he is old he will not depart from it.

Raise them according to their own individual characteristics.

It is not how much we have that matters, but rather whose it is - Roberts Morris

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