

# Giving

## Lesson Two Student

### The Treasure Principal by Randy Alcorn

Quote by Jim Elliot - "He is no fool who gives what he cannot keep to gain what he cannot lose"

**Matthew 13:44** "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto treasure hid in a field; the which when a man hath found, he hideth, and for joy thereof goeth and selleth all that he hath, and buyeth that field."

**Matthew 6:19-21** "Lay not up for yourselves treasures upon earth, where moth and rust doth corrupt, and where thieves break through and steal: **20** But lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through nor steal: **21** For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also."

- We may try to divorce our \_\_\_\_\_ and our \_\_\_\_\_, but God sees them as inseparable.

Here are a few examples:

1. Zacchaeus - **Luke 19:2-3** "And, behold, [there was] a man named Zacchaeus, which was the *chief among the publicans*, and he was rich. **3** And **he sought to see Jesus** who he was; and could not for the press, because he was little of stature."

**Luke 19:8-9** "And Zacchaeus stood, and said unto the Lord; Behold, Lord, the half of my goods I give to the poor; and if I have taken any thing from any man by false accusation, I restore [him] fourfold.

- Jesus' response? **Verse 9** "And Jesus said unto him, This day is salvation come to this house, forsomuch as he also is a son of Abraham."
  - Zacchaeus's new approach to money proved that his \_\_\_\_\_ has been transformed.
2. Widow - **Mark 12:41-44** "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. **42** And there



came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. 43 And he called [unto him] his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: 44 For all [they] did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, [even] all her living."

3. Rich Man - **Luke 12:16-21** "And he spake a parable unto them, saying, The ground of a certain rich man brought forth plentifully: **17** And he thought within himself, saying, What shall I do, because I have no room where to bestow my fruits? **18** And he said, This will I do: I will pull down my barns, and build greater; and there will I bestow all my fruits and my goods. **19** And I will say to my soul, Soul, thou hast much goods laid up for many years; take thine ease, eat, drink, [and] be merry. **20** But God said unto him, [Thou] fool, this night thy soul shall be required of thee: then whose shall those things be, which thou hast provided? **21** So [is] he that layeth up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

- The greatest indictment against the rich man – and proof of his spiritual condition – is that he was rich toward himself and \_\_\_\_\_ toward God.

**Matthew 19:21** "Jesus said unto him, If thou wilt be perfect, go [and] sell that thou hast, and give to the poor, and thou shalt have treasure in heaven: and come [and] follow me."

**Matthew 19:22** "But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful: for he had great possessions."

- The man in the field made short-term sacrifices to obtain a long-term award.
- We might say, "it cost him everything he owned".
- **Yes, but it gained him everything that mattered!**
- Jesus warns us NOT to store up treasures on this earth, it's not just because wealth might be lost.
- **It's because wealth will \_\_\_\_\_ be lost!**
- Either it leaves us while we live, or we leave it when we die!
- NO EXCEPTIONS

