



Sermon Notes: Principles of Generous Investment

1. The Requirement of Generous Investment.

- a. Seek God's kingdom.
- b. Sell your possessions and give to the needy.
- c. Invest in an eternal treasure.

2. The Rivals of Generous Investment.

- a. Selfishness/entitlement.
- b. Covetousness/materialism.
- c. Anxiety/lack of faith.

3. The Requisites of Generous Investment.

- a. See that life is about more than prosperity and comfort.
- b. See that God knows and meets your needs.
- c. See that what you really need is a gift to begin with.
- d. See that your heart will always chase your investments.
- e. See that everything about your life ultimately belongs to God.



Application Questions: Principles of Generous Investment

1. What did you do any differently to acknowledge and share Christ this week? What point(s) from last week's message (priority, perspective, preciousness, partnership, presence) proved helpful in encouraging you to be unafraid and unashamed?
2. Where do you spend/invest time and money most automatically and effortlessly?
3. Let's assume you don't think you're materialistic, greedy, covetous, or consumeristic, but you recognize when other people are. What's the difference between you and them?
4. What factors prevent you from being more generous with time and money? (Finish this sentence: "*I would give more generously if...*")
5. In answering the previous question, did you assume internal or external factors were more to blame? Why do you think we find it easier to blame our circumstances than our own attitudes/priorities for our lack of generosity? What does this say to us in and of itself?
6. Self-check: What is your gross monthly income? What is your monthly tithe/offering to Gospel ministry through the local church? How does your giving, under grace, compare to the giving that was required under the Old Testament Law? What does this say to you?
7. Modern American Evangelicals are the wealthiest Christians in history yet they give, on average, less than 4% of their income to Gospel ministry and charity. To what do you attribute this startling lack of generosity?
8. What are some common ways we invest in temporary, personal treasure? What are some specific, practical ways we could invest in the eternal kingdom of God? We can't take our money with us when we die, but what are some specific, practical ways we could send it ahead?
9. Why do you think Jesus said, "*Your heart will go wherever you put your treasure,*" instead of saying, "*Your treasure will go wherever you put your heart*"? What do you learn from that?
10. What will you do to be a more generous investor immediately? Who will you tell about this decision so that they can follow up with you?