

What Jesus Taught About Greed

“Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. ²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy,^[d] your whole body will be full of light. ²³ But if your eyes are unhealthy,^[d] your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness! ²⁴ “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.

Matthew 6:19-24

Firstly, our giving is an act of worship.

How should we give?

“A tithe of everything from the land, whether grain from the soil or fruit from the trees, belongs to the LORD; it is holy to the LORD.” **Leviticus 27:30**

“‘Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this,’ says the LORD Almighty, ‘and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it.’” **Malachi 3:10**

“Go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me” **Matt 19:21**

Mark 12:41-44

Secondly, giving is the litmus test of how much I trust God.

“without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” **Heb 11:6**

“Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously” **2 Corinthians 9:6**

“Earn all you can, save all you can, give all you can.” **John Wesley**

Thirdly, My Giving Tells Me Where My Heart Is.

1. Are you giving more now than this time last year? Am I more generous now than I was a year ago?
2. Do I have a bigger heart to give than I had a year ago?

'The eye is the lamp of the body, so if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light; but if your eye is unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If, then, the light in your is darkness, how great is the darkness!'

Your actions will flow out of your perceptions.

'No-one can serve two masters, for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.' **Matt 6:24**