

Message Notes ~ Sunday ~ November 12, 2023

"Where is Your Heart?"

Gratitude week 2

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." Matthew 6:21

People's _____ and _____ are shaped by the things they _____

"For the <u>love of money</u> is a <u>root of all evil</u>, by which some, <u>because</u> they <u>desire</u> it, have gone astray from the faith and have <u>pierced themselves with many</u> <u>pains."</u> 1 Timothy 6:10

Where we ______, directs our ______

The earth is the LORD's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;" Psalm 24: 1

Principle : God owns _____; I am _____;

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? <u>Everything comes from you</u>, and <u>we have given you</u> only <u>what comes from your hand."</u> 1 Chronicles 29:14

Giving helps your _____

"And now, brothers, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² Out of the most severe trial, their <u>overflowing joy</u> and their <u>extreme poverty welled up</u> in <u>rich generosity</u>. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. ⁵ And they did not do as we expected, but they gave themselves first to the Lord and then to us in keeping with God's will" 2 Corinthians 8:1-5 "... For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich." 2 Corinthians 8:9

Your heart will go where you _____

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The cure for materialism, is _____

2 Corinthians 8: 7 **"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in** knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—<u>see that you also</u> <u>excel in this grace of giving"</u>

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

"plans to prosper us ... plans to give us hope and a future so let's "Be very careful, then, how we live—not as unwise but as wise, making the most of every opportunity" Jeremiah 29:11 & Ephesians 5:15-16

God gives us what we have, so we can _____

2 Corinthians 9:11 "<u>You will be made rich in every way</u> so that <u>you can be</u> <u>generous</u> on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

Questions to Ponder

over lunch with Family, Friends or Life Group,

- 1. Have you ever seen someone truly happy because of an amount of money?
- **2.** If you were to look at your credit card statement or you bank account, what would it say about your treasures and devotion of your heart ?
- 3. Why are we afraid of what the Bible says about our money?
- 4. What often prevents people from trusting God with their financial resources?
- 5. How could sacrificial giving help you grow in your trust in God's provision?