## "Where is Your Heart?" Gratitude Part 2

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also."

Matthew 6:21

People's <u>choices</u> and <u>actions</u> are shaped by the things they <u>cherish most</u>

"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 pains."</u>

1 Timothy 6:10

"The end of the matter; all has been heard. Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man"

Ecclesiastes 12:13

Where we invest, directs our affection

We care for that which we invest the

most!

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

Psalm 24: 1

Principle: God owns everything; I am His manager

## "The silver is mine and the gold is mine," declares the LORD Almighty" Haggai 2:8

"....remember the LORD your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,..."

**Deuteronomy 8:18** 

"For we will all stand before God's judgment seat. .... each of us will give an account of himself to God"

Romans 14: 10 & 12

"But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this?

Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand."

1 Chronicles 29:14

## > Giving helps your faith grow

"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 overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 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 put God's money

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> The cure for materialism is giving

"The sleep of a laborer is sweet, whether he eats little or much,

but the abundance of a rich man permits him no sleep...."I have seen a grievous evil under the sun: wealth hoarded to the harm of its owner, "or wealth lost through some misfortune," **Ecclesiastes 5:12** 

## 2 Corinthians 8:14-15 says

"At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need.

"But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving"

2 Corinthians 8: 7

"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

God has.... "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"

**Ephesians 5:15-16** 

> God gives us what we have, so we can give generously

"You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God

2 Corinthians 9:11