

# *Jesus & Money – part 7*

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# *A Christ-life Money*



***ETHIC***



***LUKE 6:27-38***



# Our Christ-life Mandate:

We are under obligation, as *children of the Living God*, to see GIVING as an act of worship... and that our whole life should reflect the spirit of generosity demonstrated through giving.



# I. GOD ENCOURAGES GENEROSITY

"Give, and it will be given to you." (Luke 6:38a)

- God's generosity is not dependent on how we treat Him. (see Ps. 73:1-5)
- God is good *and* generous.
- *"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights..."* (Jam. 1:17)
- When we are generous we reflect God's character.
- *"Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is."* (1 John 3:2)



# What specific acts of generosity prove pleasing to God?

- Those in need – 1) our own family... 2) our church family... 3) fellow believers beyond our church family... 4) all who are needy
- Advancing God's cause – 1) by supporting workers... 2) by providing for gatherings (building, supplies, etc.)... 3) by making disciples beyond our church family (new churches, mission work, etc.)... 4) by being good stewards with all we have



# THE 6-WEEK CHALLENGE

- ❖ What would happen if each of us were to commit ourselves to seek His Kingdom fully and completely? (see Matt. 6:19-21)
  - ✓ We deliberately endeavor to reflect the compassion and gentleness of Christ toward the needy.
  - ✓ We weigh our words and our actions to ensure that they advance the cause of His eternal Kingdom.
  - ✓ We surrender anxiety as we ensure that He assumes first place in every facet of life.
  - ✓ We intentionally renounce dependence upon the perishing trinkets of this dying world.