

MAXIMIZE YOUR MONEY

3 ABSOLUTES TO FIGHT FOR

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1. I must align my heart with the heart of God.

James 5:1-5—*Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming on you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days. Look! The wages you failed to pay the workers who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter.*

ALIGNMENT PRINCIPLE: **Matthew 6:19-21**—*Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.*

2. I must prioritize my life on blessing others.

Acts 20:35—*It is more blessed to give than to receive.*

Genesis 12:2—*I will bless you... and you will be a blessing...*

2 Corinthians 8:1-8—*And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us. So we urged Titus, just as he had earlier made a beginning, to bring also to completion this act of grace on your part. But since you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in the love we have kindled in you—see that you also excel in this grace of giving. I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others.*

BLESSING PRINCIPLE: **Philippians 2:3-4**—*Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

3. I must make a difference with the life I have been given.

2 Corinthians 9:6-8—Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

DIFFERENCE PRINCIPLE: Acts 20:24—However, I consider my life worth nothing to me; my only aim is to finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given me—the task of testifying to the good news of God’s grace.

All verses quoted in New International Version unless otherwise noted.

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STUDY GUIDE: 5/5/24

Begin your group with prayer. Have one or two people share a testimony from their week. Keep it positive and reflect on the good things God has done.

STUDY QUESTIONS

Read and discuss all of the scriptures from this week's message. Then, answer the following questions.

1. Why does generosity matter?
2. What does it mean to be generous?
3. What is characteristic of generous people?
4. What is characteristic of people who are not generous?
5. What does this phrase mean: "We are no more like Jesus than when we give."