

I. Synopsis

Jesus invites us to live a life of generosity. In order to live in such a manner we need to examine our attitude toward finances. Our finances have the ability to be a tool or to strangle us, depending upon our attitude.

II. Ice Breaker Question

Did your either of your parents ever say to you, "it is not what you say, it is how you say it"? Why would a parent say this to their child?

III. Scripture: 2 Corinthians 8:8-15 (ESV)

IV. Discussion Questions

1. Paul quotes from the Exodus, "He who gathered much did not have too much, and he who gathered little did not have too little" (2 Corinthians 8:15, NIV). This portion of the Exodus narrative God provides for His people daily, manna from heaven (Exodus 16).
Among the biblical principles gleamed from this narrative is that God will provide what is needed for us. Do agree with statement? If this is a true statement, how are we called to live?
2. As Paul makes a request of the church in Corinth, why do you suppose he does not give an amount? How does this relate to us today?
3. Living a life of generosity will change your lifestyle. What are your thoughts regarding this statement?
4. What is your attitude toward finances? Spend some quiet time with Jesus asking Him to reveal how you view money. Ask Him what are the next steps regarding your attitude.