



Message Study Guide

(Scriptures & quotes from this week's message are available on thorncreek.church/live)

Warming up

1. Do you like to give to others? If so, share an example.

Digging Deeper & Application

Take your time reading the scripture given. If possible look up the verses in different versions and pause at each verse and discuss it.

2. Share about a time that God lead you to give.
3. Read Matthew 6:19-24.
 - a. What are the earthly treasures that you can store up?
 - b. What are the limitations of earthly treasures?
 - c. What are the heavenly treasures that you can store up?
 - d. What do your "treasures" say about your heart?
 - e. Why does Jesus talk about the eye in verses 22-23? How do they compare to verses 19-21?
 - f. What happens if you try to serve two masters?
4. Read Matthew 6:25-34
 - a. How do these verses relate to verses 19-24?
 - b. How are the worries discussed in these verses related to money?
 - c. What are the promises of God in these verses?
 - d. What do you need to do first before concerning yourself with food and clothes?
5. Read Genesis 14:20 and 28:22.
 - a. What did Abraham and Jacob do in these verses?
 - b. Was this before or after the Law was given through Moses?
 - c. How does that speak to the importance of the principle of tithing?
6. Read Deuteronomy 14:22-23
 - a. How much is a tithe?
 - b. What are firstfruits?
 - c. What is the purpose of the tithe?
7. Read Luke 11:42
 - a. What does Jesus say about tithing?



8. Read 2 Corinthians 9:6-8
 - a. What kind of giver does God want?
 - b. How does God provide for the cheerful giver?

9. Read Acts 4:32-37
 - a. Did the early church tithe?
 - b. Was the tithe the end of their giving?
 - c. What was the determining factor for how much they would give?
 - d. Do you think giving at this level is necessary today?

10. What is your choice today? Are you a Fan or Follower? Is it all yours or all His?

Application

Below are some of the points or quotes shared in the message.
Discuss how they apply to your life.

- FAN = An enthusiastic admirer
- FOLLOWER = A devoted disciple
- Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV) 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.
- Earthly treasures are temporary, fleeting. You can't take them with you. They can be stolen, destroyed, or rot.
- Our need for more comes from a lack of trust in what God will provide.
- Matthew 6:21 (NIV) 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.
- Matthew 6:24 (NIV) 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.
- We can't live a divided life. We can try, but eventually one will win out.
- God is jealous of your devotion and worship. God will not take a tie for 1st. A tie for 1st, means they are both 2nd.
- So What do we do? Where does sacrificial giving begin?
- If you give what you do not need, it isn't giving. - Mother Teresa.