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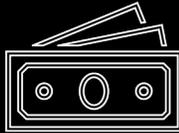
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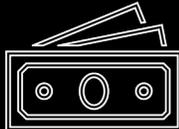
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Three main things we can do with money:



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⁹ Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. ¹⁰ For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

Mark 20:25

25 It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.”

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John 3:16

1⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Romans 5:8

⁸ But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

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Matthew 6:19-21

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

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John 11:25

25 Jesus said to her, “I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die;

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Example #1 – Macedonian Church

2 Corinthians 8:2-4 & 9:7,11

² In the midst of a very 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 Lord's people.

7: 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.

11: You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God.

Example #2 – Young Couple in Asia

“God had blessed us with a good two years at work and we had some money saved up. We were trying to decide how to invest it. At this same time, a good friend of ours from church had just made the decision to step out in faith and start a church with nearly no team/support group. During a prayer session one day the idea just popped into my head of "investing in the kingdom of God" rather than in earthly investments. We talked it over, and in the end we felt God calling us not only to give what we were comfortable with, but an amount that we were uncomfortable with. God had given us this money to steward and we both felt called and that we could follow that call, so why not? Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and the influence of a couple Godly friends, we decided to make the donation to our friend's church plant. After giving the money we found out that our friend had been praying just that week for the finances of the church to be settled. We were so excited to be able to participate in God's plan to provide for his church and answer prayer.”

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Opportunity to Respond to God's Generosity

Additional Resources/Next Steps



The Generosity Matrix

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Register



HopeCC
app

Journey of Generosity

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 4
9 AM - 3:30 PM

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 1 & 8
6 - 9 PM



GENEROUSGIVING

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FINANCIAL PEACE *University*

Starts Wednesday, January 5th, from 7-8:30pm at Hope
Continues for 9 weeks

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