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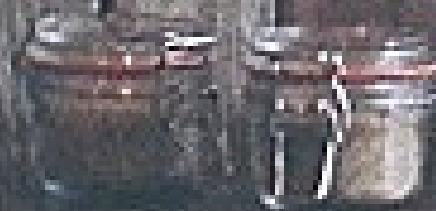
THE LIFE AND STORIES OF JESUS



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LEADERSHIP RETREAT

OCTOBER 29 - 31



SERMON TEXT: LUKE 6:38

...give, and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.

For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.”

Luke 6:38 ESV

A Culture of Generosity.

Lay Up Treasures in Heaven

“Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

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

Matthew 6:19-21 ESV

Treasure

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- Time

 - check our calendar

- Talent

 - how do we serve with our strengths

- Talk

 - words reflect what we are dwelling on

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

As long as our real trust is in money, we cannot be true members of the Kingdom.

Henri Nouwen

A Tree Is Known by Its Fruit

“Either make the tree good and its fruit good, or make the tree bad and its fruit bad, for the tree is known by its fruit. You brood of vipers! How can you speak good, when you are evil? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. The good person out of his good treasure brings forth good, and the evil person out of his evil treasure brings forth evil.

Matthew 12:33-37 ESV

Rooted in Generosity

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- we grow from where we are rooted
- our roots produce future **abundance**
- we are setting patterns in our character by our giving
- strive to be rooted in generosity as a group

God's Kingdom is the **place of abundance** where every generous act overflows its original bounds and becomes part of the unbounded grace of God at work in the world.

Henri Nouwen

A lack of generosity refuses to acknowledge that your assets
are not really yours, but God's.

Tim Keller

Indeed, if we raise funds for the creation of **a community of love**,
we are helping God build the Kingdom.

We are doing **exactly what we are supposed to do as Christians**.
Paul is clear about this: “Make love your aim”

Henri Nouwen

How we act toward others gives evidence of our relationship to God. We reap what we sow.

How we **give of ourselves** (time, gifting, finances, influence) is evidence of how we understand God's generosity toward us in all things.

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