

1 **GIVE_sacrificially** *1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-19*

[Final Frontier Luther wallet—Politics, Religion, Sex, \$]

1a **Despite** what U think, I'm **excited** to talk @ **giving_**

1. It's SO **imp** to God — Bible emphasis, Character
2. Not @ budget, but heart! *Crazy world of Cheerful!*
3. Grow in grace of giving [Tim Ross—Gary—Dan!]

2 Let's focus on 1 Spirit-given message *1 Tim 6:6-10, 17-19*

3 1. Godly people who are **content** are **truly rich** *vs. 6-8*

- What we really need — **contentment!**
 - *2 Corinthians 8:1-5* — the **Macedonians**
 - *Mark 12:41-44* — the **widow** at Temple

3a • **Never** have **enough** if God isn't first. *Hag 1:3-6*

4 2. People who **want** to be rich *vs. 9-10*

- Exposes us to **temptations** & **traps** from our desires — covetousness, greed, & materialism
- **Ruin**, destroy, evil, faithless, **pierce**, sorrows [Byron's Article! 8 millimeter — 8 couples]

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5 3. People who **are** rich, can be truly rich *vs. 17-19*

- **Not** me!? [Rich in the real world, not ad world!]
- **Proud** versus relying on God [Status — car, house, neighborhood, clothes, schools] [Wileys]
- Do good: rich in good **deeds**, **generous** with those in **need**, ready to **share**. WHY?

5a i. God longs to **bless**: challenges to **test** *Mal 3:6-12*

- ii. **Investing** in real **treasure!** *Matthew 6:19-24*
Gaggle of Girls @ Cameron, Bhutanese, Thai, Rwanda, Chinese, Aussie, Russian, Mexican, Peruvian, Ghanaian, Nigerian, Kenyan, WATS, Bridge Builder events with our neighbors in neighborhood events, FBS ...

What's your investment portfolio look like?

[Atchley — only investments in last 10 years ...]

6 *John 3:16* Think @ that a minute

6a God loved ... God Gave [Donut Shop]

7 We are **most like** God when we **give!**

God asks give sacrificially: not sacrifice, but a blessing!

- Cause of marriage conflicts and divorce
- Something Jesus repeatedly emphasized
- Mentioned more frequently than almost anything
- Jesus taught power of false God — Mammon/greed
- Opposite Kingdom values — exercise authority
- Warning: don't store up, but be rich toward God
- Ananias & Sapphira struck dead for lying/misuse