

**GIVE**\_sacrificially

**Despite** what you might think, I'm **excited** to talk about giving because ...

... it is so **important** to God!

... it is not about a **budget** but about our **hearts!**

... it helps us grow in the **grace** of **giving**

One **Spirit-given** message *1 Timothy 6:6-10, 17-19*

1. Godly people who are **content** with **riches** *vs. 6-8*

- What we really need — **contentment!**
  - *2 Corinthians 8:1-5* — the **Macedonians**
  - *Matthew 12:41-44* — the **widow** at the Temple
- We will **never** have **enough** if God isn't first. *Haggai 1:3-6*

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

- Exposes us to **temptations & traps**
- **Ruin**, destruction, evil, leave faith, **pierce**, sorrows

3. People who **are rich** *vs. 17-19*

- **Not** me!?
- **Proud** versus relying on God
- Do good: be rich in good **deeds**, **generous** with those in **need**, ready to **share** — Why?
  - a. God **longs** to **bless** us! *Malachi 3:6-12*
  - b. **Investing** in real **treasure!** *Matthew 6:19-24*

We are most **like** God when we **give!** *John 3:16*