

Real Security

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Sermon in a Sentence: Every Christian should partner with God in our finances and service.

Application: Giving is not just about money, but money represents a tangible way to show God that we trust Him more than we trust our stuff. Money represents security for most people, but God wants us to find our security in Him. Will you partner with God in your finances, time, and energy?

Ice Breaker Questions (Choose one or do them all, everyone answers):

- **What's your favorite board game?**
- **If you were given \$1,000 right now, what would you do with it?**

Diving In:

- **When you imagine a full bank account, how do you feel?** (probably excited, content, relaxed)
- **What are some of the things you have to do with your money?** (bills, food, shelter, etc)

*We're going to be talking about money, but these principles extend far beyond our personal finances. It's important when talking about money that we remember: **We don't give to get a blessing, we give because we're grateful.***

Read Luke 6:38

- **Does anyone know the law of sowing and reaping?** It says whatever you plant is what will grow. Apple seed get apple trees.

- **What are some applications of the law of sowing and reaping outside of finances?** Practice makes perfect, the media you consume affects you, calories and dieting

Going Deeper:

Jubilee is a system God wrote into the law that granted freedom from debt every 7 years. Deuteronomy 15 talks about how to implement that system.

1) Master a Selfish Heart

Read Deuteronomy 15: 7-10

- **How do these verses talk about our natural pull towards selfishness?**
- **God didn't create giving for Him or the church, He created it for us. How does giving help us to master selfishness?**

2) Heal a Grieving Heart

- Read verse 10 in the King James or American Standard Version. Notice the word grieve. **How does spending a large amount of money feel like grieving? Why does it feel like grieving?**

3) Grow a Generous Heart

Read Deuteronomy 15: 12-14

- **Can you think of a time where you had to share but really didn't want to? Or when you tried to teach someone to share?**
- **How has sharing enriched your life? What are the benefits?**
- **Does sharing get easier? What makes it easier?**

4) Develop a Grateful Heart

Read Deuteronomy 15: 15

- **What reason is given that they are told to be generous to those less fortunate?** They were set free, so they give because they are grateful

Allow people to share stories they have about how giving has blessed their lives.

How can we pray for you?