



It's All About the Heart

Focus God doesn't want us to catch the vision of *getting*. He wants us to catch the vision of *giving*. When God does a work in our hearts, we give simply to give, not to get. The resulting blessing we receive is the byproduct, not the goal.

Open Who is the most generous person you know?

Read God doesn't bless giving. He blesses giving with the right heart.

We were born selfish. The default condition of the human heart is to hoard and avoid sharing with anyone, but we have a loving heavenly Father who wants to deal with our selfish hearts and make us givers. He wants to make us like Him.

When your heart has been transformed and you give just to give, God is going to reward you by giving back to you in much greater measure. The reward comes because we have allowed God to do a work in our hearts in the area of giving—not in the area of getting.

- Talk**
1. Read Luke 6:37–38. Describe a non-financial area of your life where you have experienced this principle.
 2. When did you first learn about giving? Were you taught “If you give, you’ll get!” or “Give to give!”?
 3. Is God pleased if we give out of a feeling of obligation? What if we regret it after we give?

4. Why do we need to deal with a selfish heart before we can live the blessed life?
5. How does having a clear understanding of stewardship prevent a heart that grieves over money?
6. Matthew 6:21 tells us that our heart actually follows our treasure. With that in mind, what can you do to move your heart closer to the Lord?

Live

1. What steps do you need to take to renew your mind so God can transform your heart? Write them down.
2. Read Deuteronomy 15:15. Allow God to remind you of the life you were a slave to and His grace that redeemed you. And remember, when we're grateful, we're generous.

Pray

If you struggle with giving, ask the Lord to show you the current condition of your heart. Thank Him for His grace, and ask Him to change you from being greedy and selfish to being grateful and generous. If you feel like you already give with a pure heart, ask the Lord to continually make you more like Him by showing you more opportunities to be generous.