

## Characteristic 8: Lives Generously - Matthew 19:16-22

Suggested Memory Verse: Matthew 6:21 - “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

1. In Matthew 19:16-22, the rich young ruler asked what he still lacked. Jesus put His finger on the one thing he refused to surrender. What is something God may be putting His finger on in your life right now?
2. Psalm 24:1 says, “The earth is the LORD’s and the fullness thereof.” How does your view of money, possessions, time, and resources change when you remember that everything belongs to God?
3. The sermon said, “Generosity doesn’t start when I have more. Generosity starts when I surrender what I already have.” Where are you tempted to say, “I’ll be generous when...”?
4. Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does this passage warn us not to put our hope in, and what does it call us to be rich in instead?
5. In Luke 10:25-37, the Samaritan saw a need and moved toward it. Which perspective do you most often drift toward: “What’s mine is mine,” “I’ll help if there’s something in it for me,” or “What’s mine is God’s, and I’ll use it to love my neighbor”?
6. In Mark 12:41-44, Jesus praised the widow’s offering because it was sacrificial. Why do you think Jesus measures generosity by sacrifice rather than amount?
7. Matthew 6:19-21 teaches us to lay up treasure in heaven. What is one practical way you can invest more intentionally in eternity this week?