

## PROVERBS 11:24 HIGHER LIVING

**OLYMPICS** – Medal count everyday US 1<sup>st</sup>. Biles. Lyles. Husky, Ledecky. Richardson

- THEY NEW CLOSEST COMPETITORS. New who beat to win. Be **FIRST (after)** Antonio Pierce - Patrick Mahomes Rule – **TAKE OUT – JESUS DID SAME THING...**
- BC He wants 1<sup>st</sup> – You KNOW JC 1<sup>st</sup>...doesn't want ? **deserve 2<sup>nd</sup> ? KING.....**

**What do you think the greatest threat to Jesus being first in your life is?**

**Topic mentioned 1** of 6 verses synoptic gospels. Jesus talked more it than other topic except KOG Taught 38 parables 16 were about this topic – **MONEY/POSSESS**

Why? Wanted \$? Nothing that competes against HIM in lives money/possessions.

If a person gets his attitude about money straight, it will straighten out every area of his life. Billy Graham

TUFF TOPIC ORGS EXPLOIT PPL FOR \$ **TRUE**. We have seen it. **Way more right/wrong** This church doesn't want something **from** you; we want God's best **for** you.

**Find church trust leadership, vision and mission DO WHAT TEACH YOU - jesus**

### **1. JESUS IS FIRST IN YOUR FORMATION (THE PERSON YOU ARE BECOMING)**

GOD IS GENEROUS – MOST IMP VERBS GIVE – GOD GIVES - God gave eternal life. Gave gave sp gifts. God so loved. Gives understanding. Gives His Spirit. Gives wisdom. Gives rest. Gives salvation. Gives grace. Eternal life Jesus Gave himself incarnation, numbered among us, live perfect life be crucified. **SAY GIVE**

**God not pie he's a river.** Not giving parts himself away run out. **CONSTANT OUTPOUR** Im Bearers Rad Image – **WE CHOOSE LIFESTYLE GEN – most like God when we give**

- **Can't do this if your money is your master...You become what u love**
- Matthew 6:24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve God and money.** **CULT THINK \$ Satisfies. Security. Identity. Reputation. Hope. Peace. Future. Control. Authorit. GOD does**

### **2. JESUS IS FIRST IN YOUR HEART**

Matthew 6:20 Lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. **YOUR HEART FOLLOWS YOUR TREASURE - Treasure leads the way. WHAT IS URS** You are what you love.

1 Timothy 6:10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. **WARNING**

- **BANK STATEMENT PROFILE OF YOUR LOVES** – Find your love for God in BS
    - o **JESUS "TREASURE ME FIRST IN UR HEART"...ALL FALL INTO PLACE**
- EXPRESSION WORSHIP** - Giving is part of our worship service (LEFT CHURCH) mite/oil When you did it to the least of these you did it to me. Church plant. Awaken Events. Poor. Educ kids. Supporting my local church. Homeless. Fighting Sex trafficking.

### **3. JESUS IS FIRST IN YOUR FAITH**

**OUR GIVING IS AS AN EXPRESSION OF FAITH IN GOD WHEN WE TITHE**

- Tithe/10<sup>th</sup>: Biblical starting point for our generosity – **THE LAW**
  - o 1<sup>st</sup> Occ – Genesis 14:18-20 **Abraham and Melchizedek** – Predates law 400

- Hebrews: king of righteousness, king of peace, eternal, resembles God, eternal priest

First tithe ever in Scripture was to Jesus. **SIMPLE - BREAK DOWN OF TITHE**

**FAITH BC 90% with God goes further than 100% on our own. FIRST NOT LAST**

Malachi 3:10 Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need.

- We don't tip. We tithe – **Couple xtra \$ - God is not your server. He's your king.**

**WORST ADVICE:** Your giving is your service to God – Levites – Pastors and Church Staff

Lead in giving - Set up regular giving online – we support initiatives – **JOY.**

#### **4. JESUS IS FIRST IN YOUR SPIRITUAL EXPERIENCE**

GROWTH AS A CHRISTIAN **You stop growing when you stop being generous.**

Tithing helps slay the dragon of selfishness.

- **Not 1 for God and 9 FOR ME – tithing is starting point but not final point**

God doesn't want you to be a cork, he wants you to be a spout. **START HERE BUT ALL**

Proverbs 11:24 One person gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. <sup>25</sup> A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.

- HE SUPPLIES CONSTANT SEED FOR THE SOWER – IF YOU ARE A SOWER

**God gives it to you so that He can give it through you.**

**Not build bigger for ourselves - Abraham: I am blessing you so u can be a blessing**

(#1 chat): **MARRIAGE** If you're fighting over money – unify over generosity and tithing.

#### **5. JESUS IS FIRST IN YOUR MISSION – DESOLATION OF SMAUG – slay gold greedy**

Bard taking Erebor – pony up 10 pc - Stingy Gimli been bled dry this venture what have I seen from invest – naught misery grief. EREBOR – homeland. Take it take all of it. SAWIT

- **THE TREASURE WE LOO TO ARE SOULS IN HEAVEN**

Revelation 7:9-10 After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup> And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."