



## Journey in Discipleship

- How do you relate to those who hurt you?
- How do you relate to your needy neighbor?
- How do you relate to those distant from Christ?
- How do you relate to your money?

**Why did Jesus talk so much about people's relationship to money?**

Wherever you most effortlessly, joyfully spend money...  
...there you will recognize what your heart most loves, adores and  
trusts in for salvation, for life

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**God has blessed me with more than I need...**

**...I am rich**

**But I will not trust in my riches...**

**...but in Him who is immeasurably generous**

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# How do you know if your heart is leaning into Christ???

- Be rich in good deeds
- Be generous, willing to share

**Rich in good deeds**

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**Rich in good deeds**

**Rich people have extra time**

**But I don't feel like I have extra time!!!!**

**Why? Because rich people are also rich in options**

**PRACTICAL:**

**People who are rich in good deeds aren't "spontaneous servers"**

***Instead...SYSTEMATIC SERVERS***

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# How do you know if your heart is leaning into Christ???

## Be Generous, Willing to Share

### **We are all effortlessly generous!!**

- **Where does your generosity flow???**

*Wherever you most effortlessly, joyfully spend money, you will recognize what your heart most loves, adores, worships, trusts in for salvation/life*

**People's discomfort when God talks about generous giving...  
...God is threatening what you really trust in to give you life**

- **When you seek to give in biblical proportions you begin to discover what your heart truly treasures**

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**Be Generous, Willing to Share**

**You already have a lifestyle of generosity...  
.....but notice the flow of generosity for those who are learning  
how to be rich**

**Be generous, WILLING TO SHARE**

**To give for the sake of others experiencing Christ's truth & love**

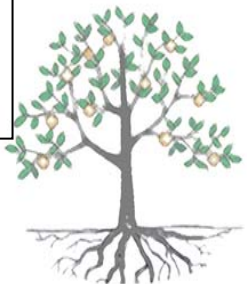
**Don't just be average in your serving....**

**...BE RICH IN GOOD DEEDS**

**Don't just be average in your giving....**

**...BE GENEROUS, WILLING TO SHARE**

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**Be Generous, Willing to Share**

## PRACTICAL:

People learning how to be rich aren't "*spontaneous givers*"

Instead...PERCENTAGE GIVERS

Become a "percentage giver",  
but don't limit your giving to a percent

*A heart being liberated from leaning on money, and is learning how to be rich by leaning on Christ is "WILLING TO SHARE".*

- *A heart sensitive to the needs around you ...locally & globally*
- *A heart sensitive to ministry needs*

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# What is Branching Out...Bearing Fruit?

A spiritual journey where we personally engage God for the future of BEP:

- A future of enlarged ministry in advancing the kingdom of Christ for the glory of God, and;
- Financially positioning ourselves to pursue that future by paying down the principal on the Ministry Center mortgage, releasing the long term flow of your giving from paying interest to investing in people's lives locally & globally

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