King and a Kingdom

Week 4 - Give Generously

One way to glorify God and demonstrate "Kingdom Living" is through our generosity.

Biblical Generosity is "the giving of our resources (time, talent, and treasure) to build up His Kingdom. Not simply out of abundance but also out of sacrifice."

God's Word gives instruction and inspiration about generosity.

- The Sermon on the Mount
 - o The children of God are those who act like God.
 - o Being a citizen of the Kingdom is in our actions, not fake but real.

Jesus goes straight to an area where many of us struggle to be generous, our treasure.

- Matthew 6:19 (NIV)
- The treasures we store up on earth will all crumble and eventually be destroyed because they have no eternal significance.
- Matthew 6:20-21 (NIV)

Attributes that separate earthly treasures from heavenly treasures:

- Heavenly treasure points people to King Jesus.
- Heavenly treasures are in alignment with the Word of God.
- Heavenly treasure lasts beyond this earth.

"When we leave this world, do you want to be known as one who accumulated treasure on earth that you couldn't keep? Or will you be recognized as one who invested treasures in heaven that couldn't be lost?" — Randy Alcorn

We often value earthly treasures so much because when we see them, we want them.

Matthew 6:22-23 (NIV)

Jesus explains how we can't serve two masters.

Matthew 6:24 (NIV)

Many people aren't generous because of fear and worry about not having enough, but Jesus has an answer.

• Matthew 6:25-27, 31-34 (NIV)

Things to keep in mind as we give:

- · His proof is His past, and God provides.
- He loves us and wants us to be good stewards.
- We should follow the example of Jesus by being generous with our time, talent and treasure.
- We don't need to worry.
- Give Generously.