

# THE GRACE OF GIVING

Part 1 Living in Heaven's Economy





19 “Do not store up for  
yourselves *treasures on earth*,  
where moth and rust destroy,  
and where thieves break in and  
steal.

Matthew 6:19–24



20 "But store up for yourselves *treasures in heaven*, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal;



21 for *where your treasure is,  
there your heart will be also.*



Heavenly riches are  
not always economic  
ones, but they are far  
more enduring than  
earthly riches.



**22 *"The eye is the lamp of the body; so then if your eye is clear, your whole body will be full of light.***

**Matthew 6:19–24**



23 "But *if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness*. If then the light that is in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!



24 ***"No one can serve two masters;*** for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other.



***You cannot serve God and  
wealth ("Mammon")***



If we **see** ourselves as  
never having enough, our  
eyes will be filled with  
**coveting**, and we will serve  
"**Mammon**," which is a cruel  
taskmaster.



When we find ourselves  
offended at God's  
generosity we have become  
servants to Mammon, and  
will never be satisfied with  
what we have.



6 But *godliness actually* is a means of *great gain* ***when accompanied by contentment.***

**1 Timothy 6:6–10**



7 For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either.



**8 *If we have food and covering,  
with these we shall be content.***



9 But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.



10 For *the love of money is a root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the faith* and pierced themselves with many griefs.



When our goal in life is to accumulate riches, we will serve Mammon. When our goal in life is to glorify God in all we do, wealth comes as a natural byproduct.



Heaven's economy is not measured the same way as ours. What **seems** like wealth here is considered poverty there.



Perhaps the reason for perpetual financial struggle is that we have been living by the wrong economy.



38 "*Give, and it will be given to you*. They will pour into your lap a good measure—pressed down, shaken together, *and* running over.

Luke 6:38



For *by your standard of measure*  
*it will be measured to you in*  
*return.*"



Everything about the  
ways of the Kingdom of

Heaven is counter-  
intuitive to how we have  
been trained to think.



Heaven's economy is  
based on generosity,  
rather than the ability  
to accumulate riches.



**41** And He sat down opposite the treasury, and *began* observing how the people were putting money into the treasury; and many rich people were putting in large sums.

**Mark 12:41–44**



42 A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which amount to a cent.



43 Calling His disciples to Him, He  
said to them, "Truly I say to you,  
*this poor widow put in more than  
all the contributors to the  
treasury;*



44 for they all put in out of their surplus, but *she, out of her poverty*, put in all she owned, all she had to live on."



In Heaven's economy  
giving in our lack  
carries greater weight  
than giving out of our  
abundance.



Mammon can gain  
control of our lives  
whether we are rich  
or poor.