



Discussion Questions for Week 2 of "The Blessed Life"

KICKING IT OFF: What is your favorite item that you've bought this year?

MEMORY VERSE: "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."

Matthew 6:24 NASB

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

What was your biggest takeaway from the reading this week?

Do you personally believe in giving God the "first fruits" of your time, talent, and treasure? Why or why not? Do you personally practice this in your life?

Read Matthew 5:21-23. This section of scripture is found within Jesus's famous "Sermon on the Mount." Here we see that Jesus uses the Old Testament law to set a higher standard. Instead of "Thou shalt not kill" (Matthew 5:21, KJV), Jesus tells us to not even be angry with someone (see v. 22). How does this principle apply to the tithe?

Read 1 Corinthians 13:3. Paul says that even if we give everything we own to the poor but have no love, it profits us nothing. How does this verse relate to my teaching about the importance of the heart to tithing?

Do you agree that worry is our way of trying to figure out in advance how God is going to provide for us? Is God always absent from the equation when you worry?

Read Ephesians 3:14–21. How does this passage apply to a mind-set of abundance. What can you do to help yourself maintain a mind-set of abundance throughout the day?

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This past week, we learned that something must be blessed before it can multiply. Which leads to a very important question, “Do you personally feel blessed by God in your life?” Why or why not? We also learned that only what is given away can multiply. Could it be that the reason that you are not experiencing blessings in your life is because you are not giving anything away when it comes to your time, talent, and treasure?