



Discussion Questions for Week 5 Of "The Blessed Life"

**KICKING IT OFF:** Have you ever been Black Friday shopping before? Why or why not?

**MEMORY VERSE:** "If there is a poor man with you, one of your brothers, in any of your towns in your land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not harden your heart, nor close your hand from your poor brother;  
8 but you shall freely open your hand to him, and shall generously lend him sufficient for his need *in* whatever he lacks."

Deuteronomy 15:7-9 NASB

### DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What does it mean to be a good steward of God's resources? What are some good examples?
2. Do you agree that poor stewardship can keep us from being effective in the kingdom? We know that God uses imperfect people to advance His purposes, but can you think of an example from the Old or New Testament in which God elevated a person who was financially irresponsible?
3. Read 1 Corinthians 3:8. What does this scripture teach us regarding our time, talent, and treasure?
4. In talking about the consequences of poor stewardship, I give the example of the couple who decided to buy a new barbeque grill for \$300 when they had many household bills to pay. If instead of purchasing the barbeque grill, they felt led to make a \$300 gift to the church and they came to you for advice, what would you say? Is it possible to be irresponsible in our giving?

5. Read Hebrews 11:6. Why is this important when it comes to our perspective of giving?
6. Read 1 Corinthians 9:6-11. What specific behaviors are associated with purposing in your heart what you should give?
7. Do you believe our ability to exhibit the fruit of the Spirit is tied to our stewardship? Explain your thinking.

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Our belief determines where we will spend eternity, and our behavior determines how we will spend eternity. This week, take the time to meditate on the difference between the two. Are you lacking in one or both? Does your behavior show that you have a generous heart? Let's not forget that we can't help others if we don't care for what God has given us.