

**Why God Prospers Generous People**  
**JOY OFFERING 2021**  
**Luke 12:13-19**  
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**Luke 16:1-12**

“Jesus told his disciples: “There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. <sup>2</sup> So he called him in and asked him, ‘What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.’

<sup>3</sup> “The manager said to himself, ‘What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I’m not strong enough to dig, and I’m ashamed to beg— <sup>4</sup> I know what I’ll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.’

<sup>5</sup> “So he called in each one of his master’s debtors. He asked the first, ‘How much do you owe my master?’

<sup>6</sup> “‘Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,’ he replied.

“The manager told him, ‘Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.’

<sup>7</sup> “Then he asked the second, ‘And how much do you owe?’

“‘A thousand bushels of wheat,’ he replied.

“He told him, ‘Take your bill and make it eight hundred.’

<sup>8</sup> “The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. <sup>9</sup> I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings.

<sup>10</sup> “Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. <sup>11</sup> So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? <sup>12</sup> And if you have not been trustworthy with

someone else's property, who will give you property of your own?"

**Hebrews 11:6** "Without faith it is impossible to please Him (God), for he who comes to God must believe that He is and that He is a **rewarder** of those who diligently seek Him."

**Ephesians 1:3** "Praise be to the God & Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed (lavished) us.... with every spiritual blessing in heavenly places."

**Matthew 25:14-30**

**Faith increases giving and giving increases faith.**

**Those blessed by God become blessers for God.**

**2 Corinthians 9:6** "Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully."

**Take the Malachi 3 challenge**

"Test me in this and,' says the Lord." Malachi 3:10

**Malachi 3:10** "Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. **Test me in this,**" says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that there will not be room enough to store it."

**2 Corinthians 9:11** "You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."

**LOOK IN:**

How do you respond to this statement?

God prospers me, not to raise my standard of living, but to raise my standard of giving.

What are the potential implications of this statement?

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- Review your verse Luke 6:38
- As an Individual or as a small group – come up with a plan to meet a need. It can be time or money or your talents.
- What has God deposited in your life, and asked you to steward? Make a list.