CREEKSIDE’S TEACHING NOTES for Sunday, November 8, 2015



The Great Giveaway Adventure

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves

in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ.

Philippians 1:27

We need to move from . . .

• Believing the gospel in our heads to behaving the gospel in our lives.

• Knowing the gospel to showing the gospel.

Gospel change is the Spirit of God using the story of God to make the beauty of God come alive in our hearts.

J D Greear

How do followers follow Jesus when it comes to their money?

We all want to . . .

• Save money.

• Spend money wisely.

• Give some of our money away.

MY GENEROSITY MATRIX:

1. God Owns It All And I Manage It All.

“Whatever is under the whole heaven is mine.”

Job 41:11

“All the earth is mine.”

Exodus 19:5-6

2. It’s A Love Thing Not A Law Thing.

I do not believe that the best way for us to experience change is for us to be told what to do or what not to do. I do not believe that a list of do’s and don’ts changes us effectively. It may call us to external conformity but it doesn’t have the power to transform our hearts and that is what we need most.

3. I Am Blessed So I Can Bless.

Money as a form of power is so intimately related to the possessor that one cannot consistently give money without giving self.

…there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales and put it at the apostles’ feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

Acts 4:34-35

4. Jesus’ Generosity Models And Motivates My Generosity.

Can we ever give enough to equal what Jesus has given to us?

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8:9

The motive for my generosity is more important than

the measure of my generosity.

5. I Am To Enjoy What God Has Blessed Me With.

…God, who gives us all things richly to enjoy.

1 Timothy 6:17

6. God Not Money Is My Source Of Beauty And Security.

Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?

Matthew 6:26

See how the flowers of the field grow…not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.

Matthew 6:28

7. Wealth-Building Can Be Wise.

Proverbs 14:24; 13:11; 6:6-8

Wealth-building can increase our ability to be generous.

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