

**Series:** On the Table  
**Title:** Does God promise to make us rich or should Christians be poor?  
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Riches and honor come from you, and you are the ruler of everything. Power and might are in your hand, and it is in your hand to make great and to give strength to all. Now therefore, our God, we give you thanks and praise your glorious name.

But who am I, and who are my people, that we should be able to give as generously as this? For everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your own hand. For we are aliens and temporary residents in your presence as were all our ancestors. Our days on earth are like a shadow, without hope. LORD our God, all this wealth that we've provided for building you a house for your holy name comes from your hand; everything belongs to you. (1 Chronicles 29:12-16)

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and by craving it, some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. (1 Timothy 6:10)

The Pharisee was standing and praying like this about himself: 'God, I thank you that I'm not like other people—greedy, unrighteous, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. I fast twice a week; I give a tenth of everything I get.' (Luke 18:11-12)

### **1. Acknowledge God's Ownership.**

The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the LORD; for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers. (Psalm 24:1-2)

"The silver and gold belong to me"—this is the declaration of the LORD of Armies. (Haggai 2:8)

...for every animal of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills. (Psalm 50:10)

### **2. See God as the Source.**

You may say to yourself, 'My power and my own ability have gained this wealth for me,'... (Deuteronomy 8:17)

...but remember that the LORD your God gives you the power to gain wealth... (Deuteronomy 8:18)

### **3. Live Thankfully and Generously.**

Keep your life free from the love of money. Be satisfied with what you have, for he himself has said, I will never leave you or abandon you. (Hebrews 13:5)

On the first day of the week, each of you is to set something aside and save in keeping with how he is prospering, so that no collections will need to be made when I come. (1 Corinthians 16:2)

#### **Reflection Question:**

Why does how we view money matter? How does giving generously and proportionally impact our faith?