

We are also informed that we are _____ of the Holy Spirit.

“Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, which you have from God, and you are not your own? For you were bought with a price; therefore glorify God in your body.” 1 Corinthians 3:16, 19

“Lo, I am with you always.” Matthew 28:20

“Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’”
Hebrews 13:5

So we are all _____ in the image of God.

We are the _____ of God’s creation and we are the _____ of the Holy Spirit.

We are _____ to glorify in our bodies.

3. I am warned that I WILL REAP _____!

It is apparent that there are certain laws that are _____.

“On the first day of every week, each of you is to put something aside and store it up, as he/she has been blessed.” 1 Corinthians 16:2

“For I am the Lord do not change; therefore you, O children of Jacob, have not perished.”
Malachi 3:6

“Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, how are we robbing you? In your tithes and offerings! You are cursed with a curse, for you are robbing me - the whole nation of you! Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. I will rebuke the locust for you so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the Lord of hosts. Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight says the Lord of hosts.”
Malachi 3:8-12

God is a _____ who gives us _____ generously.

“For God is at work in us to will and do those things that please him.”
Philippians 2:13

Group Discussion Questions

Connecting:

1. How was money viewed in your family when you were growing up? Was it something to be shared, spent, saved, guarded, or envied?
2. How did your upbringing influence your view of money up to your current situation or stage in life?

Growing:

3. Read together 1 Timothy 6: 6-12, 17-19. Summarize the various principles taught in this passage.
4. What are the implications of verse 6? How is it possible to be godly and content?
5. What important point does Paul make in verses 9&10?
6. Discuss the various “evils” the apostle Paul might be suggesting.
7. Do you think the solution is to despise money? Why or why not?
8. How does putting money before God create opportunities for other sins and idols?

Applying:

9. How have you seen the love of money at the root of some evil affecting your life? Be specific.
10. In verses 17-19, Paul encourages us to pursue hope in God instead of money. Reread these last verses. What are some ways you can focus on your eternal wealth this week? Be specific.

Personal Application Ideas

1. In Pastor Harley's message this week, he encouraged each person in this church Body to "tithe" to the ministry of the Lord's work through Redeemer. If you are not currently tithing, pray and strongly consider participating in this way. We have people willing to help walk and pray with you as you take this step! Contact one of the pastoral staff members.
2. Perhaps walking through issues of money and debt management is what you need. The Personal Finance Ministry of Redeemer would like to help you. This comprehensive financial program offers free personal counseling sessions to teach biblical stewardship and to better understand current spending. The goal is to develop a plan to permanently reduce debt and financial burden through disciplined spending habits. Contact Mike Russell at (763-767-0409).

Daily Reading Plan

- Monday – Malachi 3: 6-12
Tuesday – Matthew 6: 25-34
Wednesday – 1 Timothy 6: 6-19
Thursday – 1 Chronicles 29: 1-20
Friday – Hebrews 13: 1-7

Memory Verse for Week: 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 you will not have room enough for it."

Additional Resources

1. [The Treasure Principle: discovering the secret of joyful giving](#), by Randy Alcorn
2. [Money, Possession & Eternity](#), by Randy Alcorn (includes questions for group study)
3. Website: Eternal Perspective Ministries, www.epm.org (Includes article by Randy Alcorn, click on the Money icon)
4. [Secrets of the Generous Life: reflections to awaken the spirit and enrich the soul](#), by Gordon Macdonald. *Generosity isn't about money; it's an attitude of the heart. In [Secrets of the Generous Life](#), MacDonald reflects on generosity as an oft-neglected spiritual discipline, and as a measure of the heart. The daily meditations will feed your soul and inspire you to experience a joyous life of generosity.*
5. Books by Mary Hunt with practical plans for becoming debt-free:
Debt Proof Living
Debt-Proof your Marriage
Debt-Proof your Kids
Check out her website at www.cheapskatemonthly.com

These and other resources are available at Northwestern Bookstores (www.nwbooks.com), Christian Book Distributors online (www.christianbook.com), or Amazon.com (www.amazon.com)



Doing Life Together

Pastor Harley Schmitt..... The Blessings in Giving Generously!
March 21, 2004 Luke 6:38

**Genesis 1:26 states,
"And God said, 'Let us make man (men and women)
in our image, according to our likeness.'"**

1. I am created in _____.

That simply means that I am the _____
creation.

*"See, I have given you every plant yielding seed that is upon the face of all the earth, and every tree with seed in its fruit; you shall have it for food."
Genesis 1:29*

"Every moving thing that lives shall be food for you and just I gave you the green plants, I give you everything." Genesis 9:3

*"For God so loved the world that he GAVE his only begotten son that whoever believes in him should not perish but have everlasting life."
John 3:16*

"So marred was his appearance, beyond human description, and his form beyond that of mortals." Isaiah 52:14

2. I am _____ be who I am!

"But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the spirit of God dwells in you." Romans 8:9