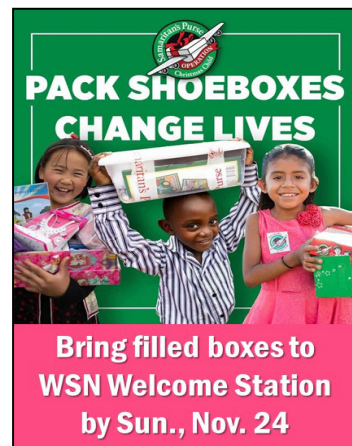


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## THIS WEEK'S MESSAGE: Live Generously

Matthew 16:19-24 (NIV)

<sup>19</sup> I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup> Then he ordered his disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

<sup>21</sup> From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life.

<sup>22</sup> Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!"

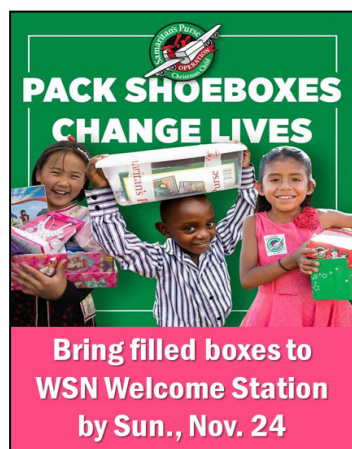
<sup>23</sup> Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me."

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**Prelude**

Janet Bell

**Greetings & Life in the Church**

Maja Shaw

**Deacon Beacon**

Matt Brown

**Call to Worship**

Leader: For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...

People: Though he was rich, yet for our sake he became poor, so that we through his poverty might become rich.

Leader: Jesus said, "whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all."

People: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

Leader: Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name.

All: That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**Songs of Worship & Praise** *For The Beauty Of The Earth* No. 793  
*We Bow Down* No. 154

**Old Testament Reading**

Malachi 3:6-12

**Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon**

**Song of Thanksgiving** *I Surrender All* No. 596

**Prayers of the People & The Lord's Prayer**

**New Testament Reading** Matthew 16:19-24

**Message** *Live Generously* Rev. Ralph Kieneker

**Song of Response** *We Are An Offering* No. 678

**Offering** *Giver Of Each Perfect Gift* Adult Choir

**Doxology & Celebration of Life**

# Live Generously

## SERMON NOTES AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

### I. Introduction

- Money is a Spiritual issue

### II. Jesus on Money: Invest in what will last

- Be clear on what is really important

### III. Jesus on Wealth: Be rich towards God

- Be clear on the purpose of stuff

### IV. Live Generously

- Be Clear on who it belongs to
- Focus on who you are serving
- Understand where generosity comes from

### V. Conclusion: The Dare

## Discussion Questions

### Sharing Life Together

1. What did you learn about money from your parents?
2. Who has had the biggest influence shaping the way you deal with money?

### Reflecting on the Message Together

1. What are ways that we store up treasures in heaven?
2. What are ways we use money as a tool? What are signs that money has become more like a drug or idol?
3. What are practical steps that will keep money functioning like a tool instead of a drug/idol?
4. Reread the parable of the rich fool (Luke 12:16-21). How did God bless the man? What did he do with the blessings? What is the purpose of our stuff? How do we practice being rich toward God?
5. What inspires you to give generously? What steals the desire to be generous?
6. Read Malachi 3:6-12. Why do you think that God actually invites us to put him to the test when it comes to giving him our tithes? What does this say to you about how God views money in our life?
7. How did God speak to you through this teaching?
8. How can we pray for one another?