

# MONEY MATTERS

## ECONOMY OF THE KINGDOM

### MONEY MATTERS\_WEEK 2: LIFE NOT LAW\_FEBRUARY 9, 2020

*If something was wrong under the Law, can it be right under grace? If something was Right under the Law, is it now wrong under grace?*

Matthew 5:17-20 (NLT)

17 “Don’t misunderstand why I have come. I did not come to abolish the law of Moses or the writings of the prophets. No, I came to accomplish their purpose. 18 I tell you the truth, until heaven and earth disappear, not even the smallest detail of God’s law will disappear until its purpose is achieved. 19 So if you ignore the least commandment and teach others to do the same, you will be called the least in the Kingdom of Heaven. But anyone who obeys God’s laws and teaches them will be called great in the Kingdom of Heaven. 20 “But I warn you—unless your righteousness is better than the righteousness of the teachers of religious law and the Pharisees, you will never enter the Kingdom of Heaven!

*The Righteousness of Grace exceeds the Righteousness of the Law.*

Matthew 22:37-40 (NLT)

37 Jesus replied, “You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.’ 38 This is the first and greatest commandment. 39 A second is equally important: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ 40 The entire law and all the demands of the prophets are based on these two commandments.”

Romans 13:8-10 (NLT)

8 Owe nothing to anyone—except for your obligation to love one another. If you love your neighbor, you will fulfill the requirements of God’s law. 9 For the commandments say, “You must not commit adultery. You must not murder. You must not steal. You must not covet.” These—and other such commandments—are summed up in this one commandment: “Love your neighbor as yourself.” 10 Love does no wrong to others, so love fulfills the requirements of God’s law.

*Under GRACE...The PRIMARY MOTIVATION for GIVING is LOVE... LOVE OF GOD & LOVE OF MAN.*

1. HONOR = We Honor God with our Resources

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Tithing was a RESPONSE TO GOD before it was a REQUIREMENT FROM GOD.

Proverbs 3:9 (NLT)

9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce.

Matthew 6:31-33 (NLT)

31 "So don't worry about these things, saying, 'What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?' 32 These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father already knows all your needs. 33 Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and he will give you everything you need.

### *2. HEART = The Attitude of your Heart*

#### *Ownership vs. Stewardship*

Psalms 24:1 (NLT)

1 The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Deuteronomy 8:18a (NIV)

18 But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth,

## HOW DO WE GIVE UNDER GRACE?

### *1. Give GENEROUSLY*

Acts 2:45 (NLT)

45 They sold their property and possessions and shared the money with those in need.

### *2. Give CHEERFULLY*

2 Corinthians 9:6-7 (NLT)

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6 Remember this—a farmer who plants only a few seeds will get a small crop. But the one who plants generously will get a generous crop. 7 You must each decide in your heart how much to give. And don't give reluctantly or in response to pressure. "For God loves a person who gives cheerfully."

### 3. Give *SACRIFICIALLY*

2 Corinthians 8:1-5 (NIV)

1 And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. 2 In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. 3 For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, 4 they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people. 5 And they exceeded our expectations: They gave themselves first of all to the Lord, and then by the will of God also to us.

Mark 12:41-44 (NLT)

41 Jesus sat down near the collection box in the Temple and watched as the crowds dropped in their money. Many rich people put in large amounts. 42 Then a poor widow came and dropped in two small coins. 43 Jesus called his disciples to him and said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has given more than all the others who are making contributions. 44 For they gave a tiny part of their surplus, but she, poor as she is, has given everything she had to live on."

### 4. Give *CONSISTENTLY*

1 Corinthians 16:1-2 (NIV)

1 Now about the collection for the Lord's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. 2 On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

Am I giving in a way that shows I love GOD with all my heart, soul, mind & strength and that I love my neighbor as I love myself?