

LAN AHEA * MESSAGE NOTES

PLAN AHEAD ~ Week 5 ~ Plan To Be Generous

... remember the words of the Lord Jesus that He Himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." ~ Acts 20:35b

- I Will Be Prepared.
 I Will Be Consistent.
 I Will Be Devoted.
 I Will Be Generous.
 I Will Be Faithful
- 6) I Will Be A Finisher.

Behold, to the Lord your God belong heaven and the highest heavens, the earth and all that is in it. ~ Deuteronomy 10:14

The heavens are Yours, the earth also is Yours; The world and all it contains, You have founded them. ~ Psalm 89:11

When I look up at the heavens, which Your fingers made, and see the moon and the stars, which You set in place, Of what importance is the human race, that You should notice them? Of what importance is mankind, that You should pay attention to them? You made them a little less than the heavenly beings. You crowned mankind with honor and majesty. You appoint them to rule over Your creation; You have placed everything under their authority, including all the sheep and cattle, as well as the wild animals, the birds in the sky, the fish in the sea, and everything that moves through the currents of the seas. ~ Psalm 8:3-8

Then He said to them, "Watch out and guard yourself from all types of greed, because one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." ~ Luke 12:15

Then he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to myself, "You have plenty of goods stored up for many years; relax, eat, drink, celebrate!" ~ Luke 12:18-19

But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded back from you, but who will get what you have prepared for yourself?' So it is with the one who stores up riches for himself but is not rich toward God." ~ Luke 12:20-21

If you want to be generous when you have more, learn to be generous when you have less.

~ TWO QUALITIES OF GENEROUS PEOPLE ~

1) Generous people plan to be generous.

But generous people plan to do what is generous, and they stand firm in their generosity.~ Isaiah 32:8

The rich rule over the poor, and the borrower is slave to the lender. ~ Proverbs 22:7

But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ~ Matthew 6:33

"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 there will not be room enough to store it." ~ Malachi 3:10

For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. ~ John 3:16

2) Generous people, always round up.

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give! ~ Proverbs 21:26

Meanwhile, Zacchaeus stood before the Lord and said, "I will give half my wealth to the poor, Lord, and if I have cheated people on their taxes, I will give them back four times as much!" ~ Luke 19:8

If someone demands your coat, offer your shirt also. ~ Luke 6:29b

If a soldier demands that you carry his gear for a mile, carry it two miles. ~ Matthew 5:41