

THE UPSIDE DOWN KINGDOM

THE PARADOX OF BECOMING HUMAN

Part 3: Giving To Gain

Introduction – For Richer For Poorer

Wealth is our _____ to the real world of pain.

The Great Paradox We Live In

While we live with privileges formerly only known to the _____ (the richest of all), many of us are at the same time in great _____ (the poorest of all).

Danger Ahead – The Wealth Warning Of Jesus

Mark 4:19; Revelation 3:17
Luke 12:15-21
Luke 18:18-30

Enter The Revolutionary, Stage Left

Deuteronomy 15:4-5

The Secret Weapon Of Giving...

Luke 16:9

Three-Way Giving

Three Ways...

1. Give to the _____.
2. Give to the _____.
3. Give to the _____.

Three Reasons...

1. To help the _____.
2. To advance the _____.
3. To become fully _____.

Conclusion – An Issue Of Lordship

Luke 19:8-9
Acts 10:1-4

Home Church Questions...

WARMING UP...

- 1) After reviewing Sunday's message, share the one thing that most encouraged or challenged you.

LOOK TO THE BOOK...

- 2) Read **Luke 12:13-21**. a) How is the Kingdom attitude toward money different than the person's in **verse 13**? b) How is the financial plan of the "rich fool" similar to common financial attitudes today? c) How would Jesus counsel us to invest our money differently? List practical examples. d) What do you think it means to be "rich toward God"? Does that describe you? e) What do you think is the meaning of **verse 34**?
- 3) Read **Luke 16:9-13**. a) List as many specific examples as you can of ways we can invest our money in "making friends". b) See how religious people (leaders, in fact) are described in **verse 14**. How might we fall under the same description today? c) What do you think is the meaning of **Luke 12:34**? How would you expect to see that principle practically reflected in someone's life?
- 4) Would you like to be "well off" financially, or perhaps just making a bit more than you are now? Read **1 Timothy 6:6-11** and discuss. a) Who might be the modern day counterpart to the people referred to in **verse 5**? b) In what ways does **verse 8** describe you more than **verse 9**? In what ways does **verse 9** describe you more? c) What do you think is the meaning of **Luke 12:34**? How would you expect to see that principle practically reflected in someone's life?

SO WHAT?...

- 5) Review the three ways of giving listed in the sermon notes. Think of one tangible example for each type of giving that you could act on this week.