

Keeping Up With the Jones
Doorways to Ultimate Christian Living – Part 10
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Myths about Stuff

1. _____ my stuff.

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...”
James 1:17 (NIV)

“...for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all. Wealth and honor come from you; you are the ruler of all things. In your hands are strength and power to exalt and give strength to all... Everything comes from you, and we have given you only what comes from your hand.”

1 Chronicles 29:11b-12; 14b (NIV)

2. **My Stuff** _____.

Jesus said – “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” Matthew 6:19-20 (NIV)

3. **My Stuff** _____.

“Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.”

1 Timothy 6:17 (NIV)

Antidotes to Materialism

1. **Understanding that we are** _____.

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1. **Everything** _____ **God.**

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Most Basic Way to be a Good Steward: _____.

Deuteronomy 14:22, Genesis 28:22

Greatest Barrier to Tithing: _____.

2. _____.

“Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work...You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion...” 2 Corinthians 9:6-8, 11 (NIV)

A. Generosity is about _____.

B. Generosity is about _____.

“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Matthew 6:21 (NIV)

2 Corinthians 9:7

Bottom Line

▪ **Giving is not** _____.

▪ **Giving is** _____.

Jesus said – “just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Matthew 20:28 (NIV)