

# LIVING OPEN-HANDEDLY

## Pt. 2

<sup>9</sup>*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich. (II Corinthians 8:9)*

There are **\_people\_** in our lives who need our **\_attention\_**

There are **\_nations\_** in the world that need the **\_gospel\_**

There is **\_tightness\_** in our hearts that needs **\_confronting\_**

<sup>24</sup>*No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money. (Matthew 6:24)*

Jacques Ellul

"There is one act par excellence which profanes [dethrones] money by going directly against the law of money, an act for which money is not made. That act is giving."

The inevitable questions . . .

- ▶ Isn't this what people **\_hate\_** about **\_church\_** ?
  - It's not about **\_church\_**, it's about our **\_hearts\_**

<sup>21</sup>*For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)*

<sup>15</sup>Do not love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world, love for the Father is not in them. <sup>16</sup>For everything in the world—the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life—comes not from the Father but from the world. (I John 2:15-16)

<sup>5</sup>Put to death, therefore, whatever belongs to your earthly nature: sexual immorality, impurity, lust, evil desires and **greed**, which is idolatry.

<sup>6</sup>Because of these, the wrath of God is coming. (Colossians 3:5,6)

▶ Does the **\_10%** still actually **\_apply\_** to us?

<sup>5</sup>"... And praise be to God Most High, who delivered your enemies into your hand." Then Abram gave him a tenth of everything. (Genesis 14:20)

- Hearts **\_touched\_** by God respond with a **\_tenth\_**

▶ Why would God **\_need\_** my **\_money\_** anyway?

- Jesus doesn't want **\_money\_** to **\_dominate\_** us
- Jesus turns **\_dollars\_** into **\_changed\_** **\_lives\_**
- Jesus is always making us **\_more\_** like **\_Himself\_**

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