

1) See it!

2) Give it!

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God helping you: Take your
everyday, ordinary life—your
sleeping, eating, going-to-work,
and walking-around life—and
place it before God as an
offering. Embracing what God
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you can do for him. Don't**

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**level of immaturity, God brings
the best out of you, develops
well-formed maturity in you.**

Roman 12:1-2 (The Message)



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Questions to consider ...

- 1) Are we serving our stuff OR are we serving our God?
- 2) What drives our financial planning ... fear or faith?
- 3) Am I living as if what I have equals my life?

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Living in Abundance:

"Watch out! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions."

And he told them this parable:

"The ground of a certain rich man produced a good crop. He thought to himself, 'What shall I do? I have no place to store my

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Living in Abundance:

crops.' "Then he said, 'This is what I'll do. I will tear down my barns and build bigger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I'll say to myself, "You have plenty of good things laid up for many years. Take life easy; eat, drink and be merry." '



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Living in Abundance:

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'

"This is how it will be with anyone who stores up things for himself but is not rich toward God."

Luke 12:15-21 (NIV)

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Living in Abundance:

“But seek his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Do not be afraid, little flock, for your Father has been pleased to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give to the poor. Provide purses for yourselves that will not wear out,



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Living in Abundance:

a treasure in heaven that will not be exhausted, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

Luke 12:31-34 (NIV)

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Living in Abundance:

What I do with my finances is an indication of whether or not I believe that my life consists in the abundance of my possessions or in the abundance of His grace!

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Give it ...

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. Command them to do good, to

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Give it ...

be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

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Give it ...

- 1) **Discover how you spend your money?**
- 2) **Discover how much you've given away this year.**
- 3) **Consider how much you'd like to give away in 2010.**
- 4) **Consider what adjustments you'll need to make to accomplish this.**

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