



#5 THE RESULT OF THE CLIMB™

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Sermon Notes

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. ¹¹ So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? Luke 16:10-11

We start to climb out of financial stress by GAINING A KINGDOM PERSPECTIVE ON MONEY

Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.”⁹ Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. Luke 19:1-9

As You Climb the Generosity Ladder...

YOU MOVE CLOSER TO GOD

I. Hebrews 13:5

Keep your lives free from the love of money and be content with what you have, because God has said, “Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

Climbing the Generosity Ladder...

HELPS YOU RISE ABOVE WORRY, ENVY, PRIDE, SELF-CENTEREDNESS, MATERIALISM AND DEBT

Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another... Romans 13:7-8a

II. 1 Timothy 6:17-19

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.¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.¹⁹ 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.

Climbing the Generosity Ladder...

ELEVATES US SO WE CAN EXPERIENCE THE JOY, PEACE AND FREEDOM OF THE KINGDOM LIFE

“In a word, what I’m saying is, Grow up. You’re kingdom subjects. Now live like it. Live out your God-created identity. Live generously and graciously toward others, the way God lives toward you.” Matthew 5:48
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THINGS TO DO

Determine Your Priorities

Decide to Get Out of Debt

Discipline Yourself in Small Financial Ways

Discover the Joy of Generosity

Adopt a Habit of Now