

LIVING OPEN-HANDEDLY

Pt. 3

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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_**

²⁴No 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)

▶ **The inevitable questions:**

- Isn't this what people **_hate_** about **_church_**?
 - ▶ It's not about **_church_**, it's about our **_hearts_**

²¹For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (Matthew 6:21)

- Does the **_10%** still actually **_apply_** to us?

²⁰*“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)

²⁰*Then Jacob made a vow, saying, “If God will be with me and will watch over me on this journey I am taking and will give me food to eat and clothes to wear . . .*

²²**. . . of all that you give me I will give you a tenth.”**

(Genesis 28:20,22b)

- ▶ Hearts **_touched_** by God respond with a **_tenth_**

- Why would God **_need_** my **_money_** anyway?

- ▶ Jesus doesn't want our **_money_** to **_dominate_** us
- ▶ Jesus has a way of turning **_dollars_** into **_changed_** lives
- ▶ Jesus is always making us **_more_** like **_himself_**

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