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GIVE IT UP –2
LOVE MADE ME DO IT!

• **GOD IS TESTING YOU.**

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. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches?

Luke 16:10-11

See also: Matthew 25:14-30, Luke 16:1-13, Luke 19:11-27

No one can serve two masters... You cannot serve both God and Money. Matthew 6:24

• **SATAN WANTS YOU TO SERVE MONEY.**

For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs. 1 Timothy 6:10

• **MONEY PROMISES WHAT ONLY GOD CAN GIVE:**

- **SECURITY.**
- **SIGNIFICANCE.**
- **FREEDOM.**

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For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son... John 3:16

HOW DOES LOVE GIVE?

1) LOVE GIVES JOYFULLY.

Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

• **IT IS A BLESSING TO GIVE.**

...It is more blessed to give than to receive. Acts 20:35

• **THE GIVER WILL BE BLESSED.**

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

2) LOVE GIVES EXTRAVAGENTLY.

Out of...their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity...they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability...they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints.

2 Corinthians 8:2-4

... this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything-all she had to live on."
Mark 12:43-44

GIVE YOUR BEST TO GOD!

Bring the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the LORD your God.
Exodus 34:26

It is you, O priests, who show contempt for my name. But you ask, 'How have we shown contempt for your name?' You place defiled food on my altar... When you bring blind animals for sacrifice, is that not wrong? When you sacrifice crippled or diseased animals, is that not wrong? Try offering them to your governor! Would he be pleased with you? Would he accept you? says the LORD Almighty. Malachi 1:6-8