



OUTLIVE YOUR LIFE

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April 28, 2013 A.M. Service

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Some Helpful Resources to Consider

- *Revolutionary Generosity* by Kirk Nowery
- *360 Degree Stewardship* by Kirk Nowery
- *Your Money Counts* by Howard Dayton
- *The Eternity Portfolio* by Alan Gotthardt
- *Wealth Conundrum* by Ralph Doudera
- *Partners With God* by Bobby Eklund & Terry Austin
- *The 33 Laws of Stewardship* By Dave Sutherland & Kirk Nowery
- *Radical* by David Platt
- *Not a Fan* by Kyle Iddleman
- Crown Financial Resources
- Financial Peace University

Our Response:

1. Start Praying NOW about what your commitment to GROW will be during this OutLive Your Life Emphasis. How will you Connect? How will Serve? How will Grow? How will you Go?
2. Also start praying now about what you will GIVE to this 2 Year Emphasis that will allow us to continue GROW and add complete some much needed projects as well as bring on additional staff
3. Finally pray that others in our Church Family will also make commitments to GROW and GIVE as we all seek to OutLive Our Lives!!

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The last in this series today and a very important day as we really place our faith and trust on that altar for which can be the hardest part for many of us – our financial resources, our money – but let me remind you again about this Commitment Card that you are filling out today that it is also about just as much if not more about growing. Our Church is growing and we have opportunities for people to serve in ministries that need volunteers TODAY! In fact, going to ask Denise and Emily and Charley and Chad to be here on the front row to receive those who say I am ready to grow and here is where I know the Lord is calling me to serve... Let's put our eyes on the altar today not only with our Checkbooks but with lives as well!

[1 Thessalonians 2:8](#)

This morning I want us to look at our theme verses closely and our call to Really Live, as the series is challenging us to do in every area of our lives. Oh Church, the Lord has been blessing us in some tremendous ways and we must respond in faith and trust to Him today. The question is will we?

“17 Teach those who are rich in this world not to be proud and not to trust in their money, which is so unreliable. Their trust should be in God, who richly gives us all we need for our enjoyment. 18 Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others. 19 By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life.” NLT

The Fact Is: We are Rich in This World (when compared to the rest of the world) Now some of us will immediately say, I'm leaving paycheck to pay check, or month to month, but for a moment let's put it in perspective... many are living meal to meal at best – living off of a couple of dollars a day at best. So let that be our guiding thought today. Now, here at home, we are blessed to have all kinds of people some of whom have a lot and some of whom have little... this message is very important for all of us though either way... the challenge for us all is to really live – and that means we are chasing the almighty dollar, because if we are

poorer, we think if just had a little bit more, and if we have a lot, we think I just need a little bit more... it's the same either way.

The Lord never condemns one for having money, but instead He teaches that it is a great responsibility. We are called to be a steward of ALL that God has given us, not just the 10%. That is the challenge for many here today, I pray many of you are tithing already, if not then I pray that you will start, but today we are challenging you to give more than just the tithe, and to take a deep look at how you are spending all of the resources that He has entrusted to you...and now even giving a little bit more for a season. And really in the end, how we handle our material blessings is a key indicator of our spiritual maturity!! And remember too that just because we have money does not indicate God's blessing on our lives. Paul is not saying we should be poor and get rid of all our possessions, but have the right perspective.

We Must Fight our Flesh

✓ Don't be prideful

If wealth makes a person proud, then he understands neither himself nor his wealth. "[But you shall remember the Lord your God, for it is He who is giving you power to make wealth...](#)" [Deuteronomy 8:18](#). NASU

We are not owners; we are stewards. If we have wealth, it is by the goodness of God and not because of any special merits on our part. The possessing of material wealth ought to humble a person and cause him to glorify God, not himself. Many times if we are not careful, money can make us think we are better than someone else, that we are above them and we feel sorry for them and they are beneath us. Riches and pride often go hand in hand – it's challenge to be wealthy and have a humble spirit – temptation is to view others as servants to fulfill your every need and want. The Lord calls us to be humble in spirit in [Philippians 2:3](#) [James 2:1-4](#)

✓ Don't Fix Your Hope on the Uncertainty of Riches

[Proverbs 11:28](#). [23:4-5](#) & [Luke 12:13-21](#)

The very thing that promises to be security only brings insecurity – look at the Parable of the Rich Man – he wasn't truly trusting in the Lord to provide for his every need. Riches are uncertain, not only in their value (which changes constantly), but also in their durability. Thieves

can steal wealth, investments can drop in value, and the ravages of time can ruin houses and cars. If God gives us wealth, we should trust Him, the Giver, and not the gifts.

We all know how uncertain life can be and the money that we had can be here today and gone tomorrow

It is possible to possible to be rich in this world and poor in the next, but it is also possible to be rich in this world and rich in the next. Even if we are poor in this world, we can still use our limited means on earth to glorify Him (remember it's not equal gifts, but equal sacrifice) that will bring great rewards in heaven!

Our Focus Should Be: Put Your Hope in the Lord

✓ **He Supplies All Things**

[Psalm 50:10-12](#) & [Philippians 4:19](#) – The conditional promise of the Lord. We know He owns all things and supplies all things and it goes beyond that – He will supply our every need if we will but give to Him what He calls us to give. We have to be reminded, we do nothing it is the Lord who gives all good things to us!

✓ **He Wants Us to Enjoy Them** – Enjoy What God Has Given You!

[Ecclesiastes 5:18-20](#); [Matthew 6:19-34](#) This is key, God wants you to enjoy them, to use them, to have fun...the only caveat is that we don't enjoy the blessing more than we enjoy the One who gave them [Jam 1:17](#)

Be Faithful to Your Call – Employ What God Has Given You

✓ **Do Good**

Word appears only here in the NT it to do what is inherently, intrinsically, and qualitatively good. Doing what is noble and excellent, not just what is on the surface is good. To do what is right with those resources we are entrusted with on a daily basis.

✓ **Be Rich in Good Works**

Now remember good works don't save us but they are vital evidence of saved and changed and transformed life. Be rich in these, not only with our material blessings but with the giving of our lives as well!

✓ **Be Generous**

Means to be liberal or bountiful – it is to beyond the minimum that is required, it is having a generous, unselfish heart. [1 Chronicles 29:1-17](#) records that liberal and generous giving of the people of Israel towards

the building of the Temple. Read [2 Corinthians 8:1-5](#)

✓ **Be Willing to Share**

This is derived from the word fellowship which *koinonia* the word used to describe the Church and here this means to be beneficent. We are not give in a detached or cold manner, but instead rising out of a concern and compassion to give to those who need it. Be willing so share out of the abundance which He has given to us.

Be Fixed on the Future

Invest Wisely - Store up treasure of a good foundation for the future

[“By doing this they will be storing up real treasure for themselves in heaven-it is the only safe investment for eternity!” TLB](#)

Wealth Managers Rich Young Ruler in [Luke 18:18-25](#)

We have to really challenge ourselves to invest differently than the world will tell us too, to focus differently, to have our eyes on a different goal – the goal of eternity! We must be willing to wait on the rewards many times and that is hard to do! We give our times, talents and treasures so that we can outlive our lives!

We Find True Joy

Take Hold of Real Life – This is the secret so many miss of real life is.. the chasing of that which will not last.... [“In this way they will store up for themselves a treasure which will be a solid foundation for the future. And then they will be able to win the life which is true life.” GNT “storing up for themselves a good foundation for the age to come, so that they may take hold of life that is real.” Holman Christian Standard Bible](#)

[John 10:10](#) – the Abundant Life... real life here and hereafter

[Luke 16:9](#) “Here's the lesson: Use your worldly resources to benefit others and make friends. Then, when your earthly possessions are gone, they will welcome you to an eternal home.” NLT

[“17 Tell those rich in this world's wealth to quit being so full of themselves and so obsessed with money, which is here today and gone tomorrow. Tell them to go after God, who piles on all the riches we could ever manage — 18 to do good, to be rich in helping others, to be extravagantly generous. 19 If they do that, they'll build a treasury that will last, gaining life that is truly life.” 1 Timothy 6:17-19 THE MESSAGE](#)