



## Resources

*Gotta Make That Money*

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## A Treasure Hunt

- Your life is like a specially wrapped gift. God wants you to unwrap the mystery.
- These gifts are not hidden from you, but for you.




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## A Treasure Hunt

This could be your once in a lifetime **LOVE** discovery:  
(Hidden Treasure)


- The person sitting next to you
- The children that were born to you
- The difficult matters you are facing now
- The circumstances during your birth
- The journey of your life

**Hidden Treasures**



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## Nuggets for Navigating



- Change is constant, yet it is so difficult we often make our biggest mistakes while going through it.
- We make a snap decision and suffer lifelong consequences because we cannot seem to navigate the maze.

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## Nuggets for Navigating

- RESOURCES - (Gotta make that money)
- RELATIONSHIPS - (Life's most complex maze)
- READINESS - (Prepared for the future)
- REVELATION - (Who told you so?)
- RIDDLES - (Life's unanswerable questions)
- REVERENCE - (Love and Respect)
- RESULTS - (Living with my choices)
- REPAIRS - (...for broken places)

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- Lord, I pray that the Word, today, would find good soil in my heart.
- **I reject the thoughts of offense!** Where the light of Your Word exposes my mistakes, I do not take offense. I will change and turn to You, my heavenly Father.
- **I reject condemnation!** Your Word says, *“That Jesus did not come to condemn people.”* This Word does not come to condemn me, but it comes to heal me.
- **I reject accusation!** Satan is the accuser of brothers and sisters and this Word does not come to accuse me or abuse me. This Word exposes satan and his lies and I choose to believe and receive the TRUTH.

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God says in His Word, “...blessed *are* my eyes for they see, and my ears for they hear; for many prophets and righteous *men* desired to see what I see, and did not see *it*, and to hear what I hear, and did not hear *it*.” (Matthew 13:16)

***Therefore I will hide Your Word in my heart that I might not sin against (or miss) the will of God.***  
(Psalm 119:11-12)

**Open my eyes, that I may see wondrous things from Your Word today.** (Psalm 119:16-18)

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*“The proverbs of Solomon the son of David, king of Israel: to know wisdom and instruction, to perceive the words of understanding.”  
(Proverbs 1:1-2)\**

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## You don't always need money, but you always need God!

*“Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ For after all these things the Gentiles seek. For your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added to you”. (Matthew 6:31-33)\*.*

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**Before you ask for more, manage what you already have....**

<sup>10</sup> “If you are faithful in little things, you will be faithful in large ones. But if you are dishonest in little things, you won’t be honest with greater responsibilities.

<sup>11</sup> And if you are untrustworthy about worldly wealth, who will trust you with the true riches of heaven?

<sup>12</sup> And if you are not faithful with other people’s things, why should you be trusted with things of your own?

<sup>13</sup> “No one can serve two masters. For you will hate one and love the other; you will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

Luke 16: 10-13

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➤ **If you love money you won’t love people**  
➤ **If you love money you won’t serve people**

People (spouse, parents, siblings, children, friends, etc.)

*“No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon.” (Matthew 6:24)\**

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## Become a Giver:

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 NIV

- Reciprocity
- **1** : the **quality** or state of being [reciprocal](#) : mutual dependence, action, or influence
- **2** : a mutual exchange of privileges

[reciprocal](#) returning the same way, alternating

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## Become a Giver:

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

<sup>7</sup>**Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give**, not reluctantly or **under compulsion**, for God loves a cheerful giver.

<sup>8</sup>And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

<sup>9</sup>As it is written: "He has scattered abroad his gifts to the poor; his righteousness endures forever."

<sup>10</sup>Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness.

<sup>11</sup>You will be made rich in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God. - 2

**Corinthians 9: 6-11 NIV**

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## Become a Giver:

- Gifts, help other people financially – start with family
- Local church, Charities and Relief efforts: local, national, and international organizations (NT gives no minimum or maximum)

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## Become a Giver:

Local church offerings (median is about 10%)

<sup>27</sup>Therefore we are sending Judas and Silas to confirm by word of mouth what we are writing. <sup>28</sup>It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us not to burden you with anything beyond the following requirements: <sup>29</sup>You are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from sexual immorality. You will do well to avoid these things. Farewell. - Acts 15: 27-29

<sup>1</sup>Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do.  
<sup>2</sup>On the first day of every week, **each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income**, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made. 1Corinthians 16: 1-2



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### Local church offerings (median is about 10%)

1. Abraham gave 10% of the spoils of war while Israel was required to give less from the spoils of war. (Hebrews 7:4; Numbers 31:28-30)
2. Of all the recorded events about giving in the New Testament Church, there is not a single one about tithing.
3. Jacob freely offered the tithe because he knew without a requirement, it was of freewill to give. (Genesis 28:20)
4. Abraham was born under an Old Testament covenant that was established long before Moses. (Genesis 3; Hebrews 8:13)
5. The poor received the tithes and did not pay them. (Deuteronomy 26:12)
6. There is no New Testament command to continue or even modify tithing according to the structure of the Old Covenant.
7. The tithe came from Israelites who grew food or raised animals. (Leviticus 27:30)

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### It all comes down to trust....

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**Your greatest resource in the world is God**

*“Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore, get wisdom. And in all your getting, get understanding.” (Proverbs 4:7)\**

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