





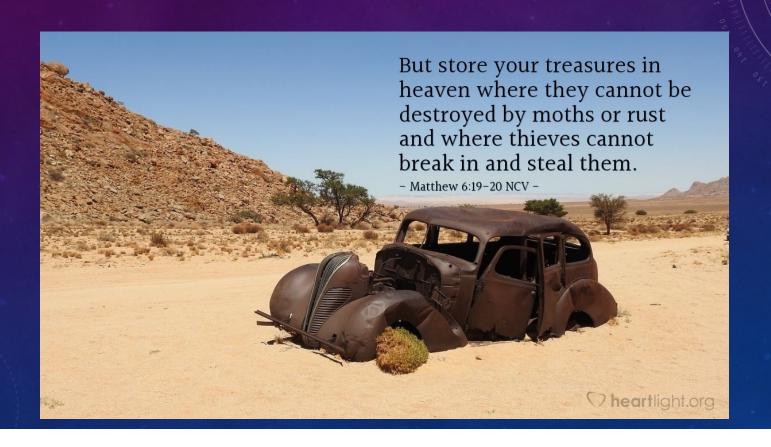


## 1 – THE BIG GOAL IS TREASURE IN HEAVEN

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# GIVE AND BECOME GENEROUS – 1. TREASURE IN HEAVEN

- Woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.
- Woe to you who are full now, for you shall be hungry.
- Woe to you who laugh now, for you shall mourn and weep.
- Woe to you, when people speak well of you ...

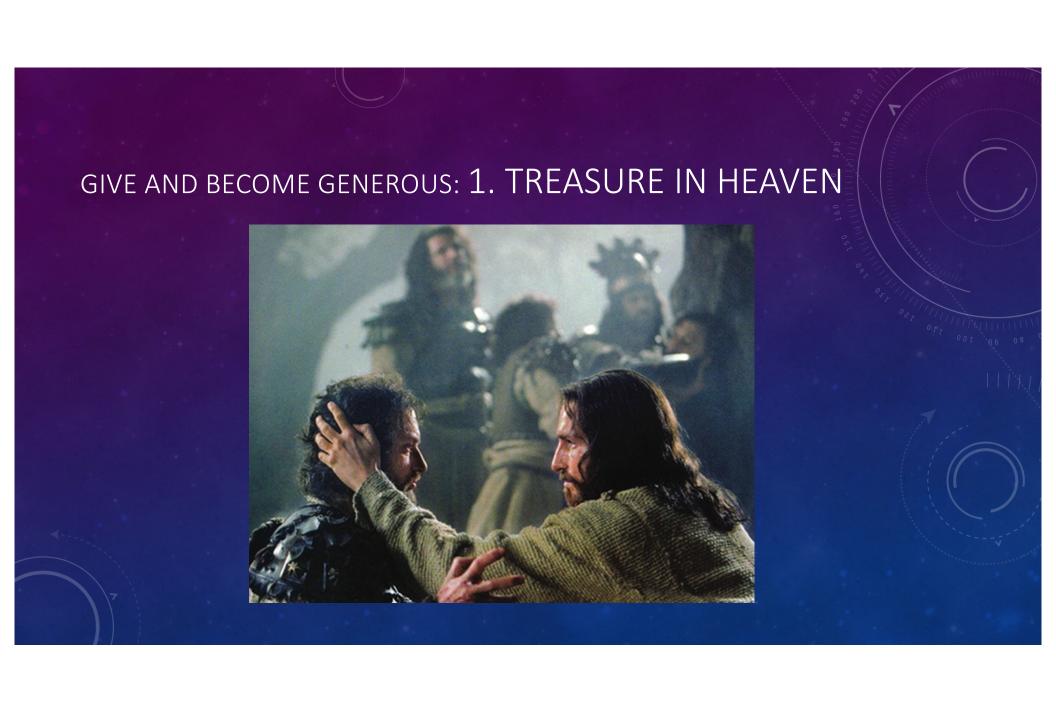
Luke 6: 24, 25, 26



## GIVE AND BECOME GENEROUS: 1. TREASURE IN HEAVEN

- For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils
- As for the rich in this present age, charge them not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but on God, who richly provides us with everything to enjoy.
- ... storing up treasure for themselves as a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of that which is truly life.

1 Timothy 6: 10, 17, 19



## 2. GIVING IS NOT ABOUT MONEY

- IT'S ABOUT BECOMING GENEROUS
- Tithing is not paying our dues; rather it is tending our souls so that our wealth is an instrument to invest in God's Kingdom. Stewardship is working diligently to combat the subversive power of money in our lives, which causes us to believe that net worth equals self-worth

David King, Stewardship of Money and Finances

#### GIVING IS ABOUT BECOMING GENEROUS:

- GOD IS THE SOURCE OF EVERYTHING GOOD

 Every good gift and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights

James 1:17

For every beast of the forest is mine, the cattle on a thousand hills

Psalm 50:10



- We must refocus from transactional to transformational giving
- Giving reshapes our Moral Imaginations

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### GIVING IS ABOUT BECOMING GENEROUS:

# - ALL THE MONEY I HAVE COMES FROM GOD

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# GIVE AND BECOME GENEROUS: 3 - OBSTACLES TO GENEROSITY

- Wealth Insecurity
- Giving Illiteracy
- Comfortable Guilt

Patricia Herzog & Brandon Vaidyanathan Motivations for and Obstacles to Religious Financial Giving

Riches are not meant to be thrown away. For they are ...
 material instruments which are for good use to those who
 know the instrument. If you use it skillfully, it is skillful; if
 you are deficient in skill, it is affected by your want of skill

Jaroslav Pelikan, Stewardship of Money in the Early Church

## 4. GOD BLESSES GENEROUS GIVERS

Each one must give as they have decided in their heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work ... You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

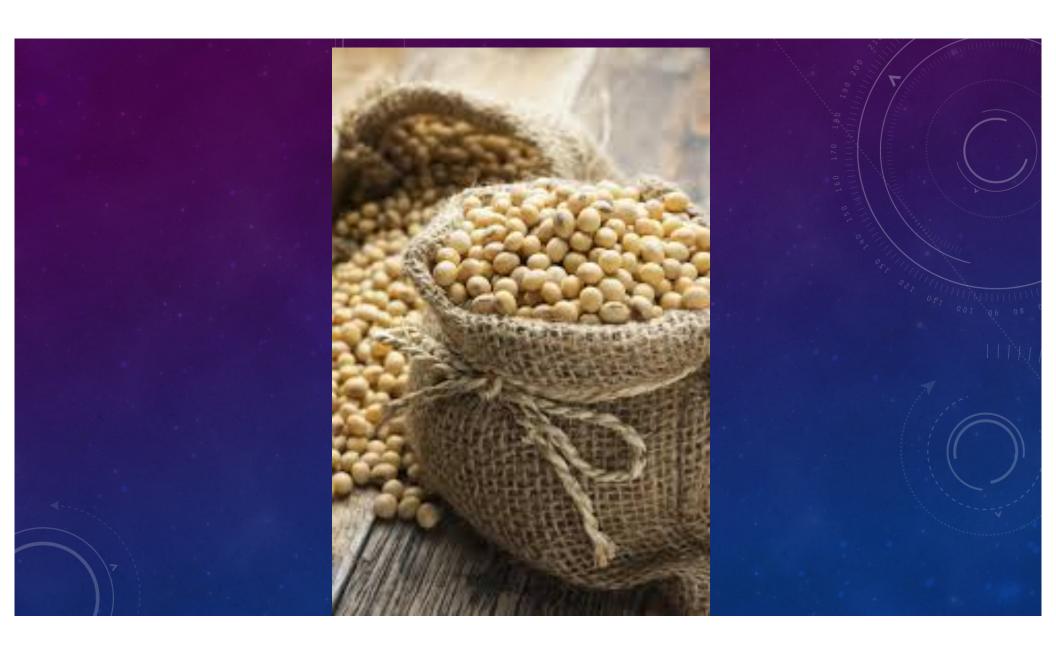
 The more we give the more we receive ... High levels of generosity lead to greater happiness, health, purpose, and better relationships

Christian Smith, The Paradox of Generosity

## 4. GOD BLESSES GENEROUS GIVERS

 Give and it will be given to you. Good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap. For with the measure you use it will be measured back to you.

Luke 6:37-38





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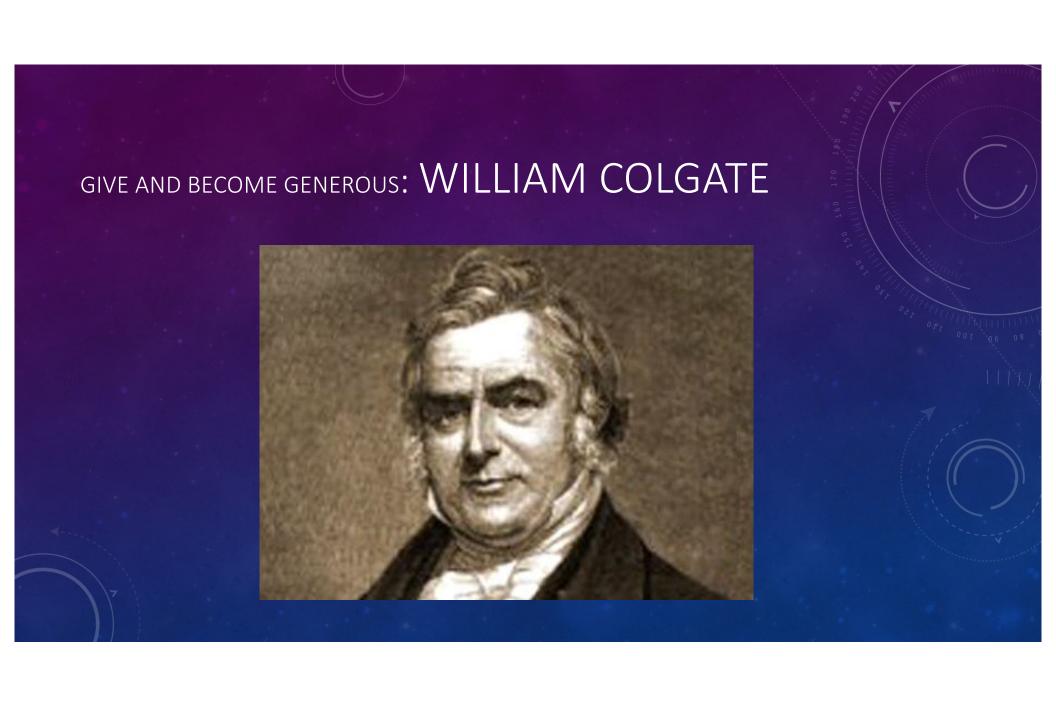
- You become a generous person
- You attract others
- God blesses you materially
- You store up heavenly treasure
- You glorify God by giving in the Name of Christ

# GIVE AND BECOME GENEROUS: 5. ADOPT A PLAN

 2 Cor 9:3-5 I am sending the brothers ... so that you may be ready... and arrange in advance for the gift you have promised... as a willing gift, not as an extraction



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- Pick out a focus for your giving
- Increase your tithe as you experience God's abundance



# The New York Times

NEW YORK, Saturday, April 2. 1932

COLGATE WILL GIVES MILLION TO CHARITY; \$1,500,000 Personal Bequests Also Left by William, Kin of Soap Company Founder.



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