

Exercise: "You can't outgive God."

"Test me in this," says the LORD Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."

Micah 3:10

Try one of the following ideas. Use a "You can't outgive God" to connect your giving to Jesus.

1. Pay for someone else's meal at a restaurant and leave the card with them.
2. Leave an extra-ordinary tip for a waiter or waitress (even if they don't deserve it.)
3. Buy coffee or soda for all the stylists when you get your haircut. (maybe even take orders beforehand)
4. Get an extra soda or candy and give it to a child in the checkout line.
5. If you see a homeless person on the street, buy him or her lunch.
6. Fill the parking meter for someone and leave a card there.



"Giving Up the American Dream"

Sermon Notes and Takehome

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The American dream tells me that I can be happy when I try to attain things _____.

People think the church is just after their _____.

Matthew 25:14-30.

The master is _____.

The servants are _____.

The property belongs to _____.

- What you have is not _____.
- You are only the _____.

All three men knew the _____ of the master.

- God has high _____.
- We sometimes think God just wants me to be _____.
- What God really wants is to build His _____.

The third servant didn't _____ the _____ of the master.

God doesn't _____ you money.

We often settle for _____ happiness.

When we handle money God's way, we invest in _____.

You can't _____ God.

Questions for Reflection:

1. In what ways have I bought into the "American dream?"
2. Why do you think we act as though all God wants is for me to be happy?
3. In what ways have you "emotionally bonded" with money or material possessions?
4. Can you think of a time you've been very generous with your money or possessions? How did it make you feel?
5. How do you think you would have felt if you had just used it on yourself?

Read Matthew 25:14-30

6. How does remembering that what I have belongs to God change how I use my money?
7. What motivated the servant who received only one talent? (vs 25)
8. What do you think this parable says about the character of God and His desire for us?