



Sermon Series: *Walking in Wisdom*
Sermon Title: *Grace-Motivated Giving*
Scripture: *Selected Passages*
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I. LIVING IN THE LIGHT OF HIS MERCY & GRACE

Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17 -

1) We must reckon with the certainty of our position, our death, our life, & our future in Christ!

Note: These phrases “seek the things” and “set your minds” communicate continuous action.

Note: We see both an inward treasuring (set your minds) and an outward action (seek the things).

Matthew 6:24, 33, 19-21 -

2) What’s really at stake is our good, our joy, and our spiritual well-being.

Psalms 24:1-2 -

Note: Everything that you “have”, everything that “belongs” to you actually belongs to God.

Matthew 25:26a; Proverbs 23:4-5; Philippians 4:14-20 -

Note: Paul was not concerned about money but about the Philippians, their heart and their good.

Romans 12:1 -

Note: We don’t want “grudge-giving” or “cold-hearted-duty-giving” but “thanks-giving”.

Questions for Further Study, Reflection, and Application...

1. When and how have you seen or witnessed the power and control that money and possessions can have over yourself and/or other people?
2. Why are we told (in Colossians 3) to “seek the things above that are above” and to “set your minds on things that are above”? What is the motivation and reasoning that Paul gives for these things?
3. As you examine your life in light of Jesus’ words in Matthew 6:24 and 6:33, what does your use of money reveal about you? Who is your “master”? What “kingdom” are you seeking?
4. According to Philippians 4:17, what was Paul after? What did Paul want for the Philippians? What does this mean for us, for our giving and “open-handedness” before God?