



The Blessed Life

Part 1: A Heart Issue

Text: Mark 12:1-12

Mark 12:29-31

God is love and He desires that love to flow back to Him as worship and

**_____ and to our neighbors as _____
and encouragement.**



Mark 12:29-31 (NLT) Jesus replied, "The most important commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is the one and only Lord. (30) And you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength.' (31) The second is equally important: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' No other commandment is greater than these."

Exodus 34:14 Do not worship any other god, for the Lord, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God.

Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

Romans 8:15 For you did not receive a spirit that makes you a slave again to fear, but you received the Spirit of sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

**We see many examples in the Word of God of people _____
in love toward the Lord.** Genesis 14:20 | Genesis 26:12 | Genesis 28:20-22

Mark 12:1-12

**God uses _____ of things as a way for us to know
Him and to honor Him as our Father.**

- God is the owner: Psalm 24:1 | Leviticus 25:23 | 1 Chronicles 29:14
Haggai 2:8 | Luke 12:20 | 1 Corinthians 4:2
- God loves us so much that He gives us free will: Deuteronomy 30:19
1 Corinthians 16:2, 2 | 2 Corinthians 8:12
- God is patient with us: Malachi 3:8 | Psalm 86:15 | Jonah 4:2 | Exodus 34:6
- There is a time for judgment: Romans 14:12 | Matthew 18:23 | Luke 19:13
1 Peter 4:5

1 Chronicles 29:14 (NLT) But who am I, and who are my people, that we could give anything to you? Everything we have has come from you, and we give you only what you have already given us!

Psalms 24:1 (NLT) The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him.

Deuteronomy 30:19 (NLT) "Today I have given you the choice between life and death, between blessings and curses. I call on heaven and earth to witness the choice you make. Oh, that you would choose life, that you and your descendants might live!"

2 Corinthians 8:12 (NLT) If you are really eager to give, it isn't important how much you are able to give. God wants you to give what you have, not what you don't have.

Malachi 3:8 (NLT) "Should people cheat God? Yet you have cheated me! "But you ask, 'What do you mean? When did we ever cheat you?' "You have cheated me of the tithes and offerings due to me."

Luke 19:13 (NLT) Before he left, he called together ten servants and gave them ten pounds of silver to invest for him while he was gone.

Luke 6:35-38

Giving to the Lord is not a punishment or an act that is designed to bring pain. It is an amazing opportunity to show the love that is in our heart and to experience the Love response from the Lord.

- Love your enemies
- Lend with no expectation
- Be merciful
- No human judgment
- No pointing of finger in judgment
- Keep giving

Acts 20:35 (NLT) And I have been a constant example of how you can help the poor by working hard. You should remember the words of the Lord Jesus: "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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D12 Discussion Questions

1. Give some testimonies about your journey in giving financially to the Lord.
2. Discuss the comment: "You do not give your way out of lack, but you believe your way out."
3. What are some practical things you have done to help your walk as a better steward?
4. What part of Mark 12:1-2 ministered to you?