

# Different

## This Is What We Do - Part 1

### November 7, 2021

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*“Don’t copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. ...”* Romans 12:2 (NLT)

#### Money

**This is what we do!**

**Many of us don’t think we’re rich when we are.**

**The average income in the US places a person in the top 99.83% in the world.**

**We don’t have an income problem.**

**We have a comparison problem.**

**Many of us think we’re generous when we’re not.**

- **\$30k - 8.4%**
- **\$100k - 3.3%**
- **\$250k - 2.1%**

**Generosity breaks the cycle of scarcity and initiates the cycle of abundance.**

*“<sup>19</sup>Don’t store up treasures here on earth, where moths eat them and rust destroys them, and where thieves break in and steal. <sup>20</sup>Store your treasures in heaven, where moths and rust cannot destroy, and thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>Wherever your treasure is, there the desires of your heart will also be. ... <sup>24</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 God and be enslaved to money.** <sup>25</sup>That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food and drink, or enough clothes to wear. Isn’t life more than food, and your body more than clothing? <sup>26</sup>Look at the birds. They don’t plant or harvest or store food in barns, for your heavenly Father feeds them. And aren’t you far more valuable to Him than they are? <sup>27</sup>Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? <sup>28</sup>And why worry about your clothing? Look at the lilies of the field and how they grow. They don’t work or make their clothing, <sup>29</sup>yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. <sup>30</sup>And if God cares so wonderfully for wildflowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, He will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? <sup>31</sup>So don’t worry about these things, saying, ‘What will we eat? What will we drink? What will we wear?’ <sup>32</sup>These things **dominate** the thoughts of unbelievers, but your heavenly Father **already knows** all your needs. <sup>33</sup>**Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and live righteously, and He will give you everything you need.**”* Matthew 6:19-21, 24-33 (NLT)

**God doesn’t want your money. He wants your heart.**

**Do you trust God?**

**Christians follow God as long as it’s comfortable.**

**Disciples** say, “The answer is yes, God. Now what is the question?”

Our generosity reveals our faith.

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