

# BLUEPRINT

**STUDY GUIDE - June 02, 2019**

**Message Title: Be The Change Pt.2**

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*This study guide has been designed for Small Groups in mind, and can be used by individuals as well.*

Share an experience or a memory where you have seen someone or know of someone who has been particularly generous with their money. Also share how that story makes you feel.

## **Watch the follow up video**

On Sunday, Brian taught us that there are four secrets to Biblical generosity: ownership, attitude, partnership, and trust. With which of these areas do you most struggle?

What do you think it would take for you to overcome that challenge?

Take some time to talk about this as a group.

Read Matthew 6:19-21. Jesus said that you cannot serve God and money. And he challenged his followers to store up treasures in heaven instead of treasures on earth. His concluding thought is "where your treasure is, that's where your heart will be". If you were to map out a scale where one end is "treasuring things on earth" and the other end is "treasuring things in heaven", where would you place yourself?

What would it take for you to move yourself closer to treasuring things in heaven and farther away from treasuring things on earth?

Now read Mark 12:41-44. What is compelling about the story for you?

Why would this story be so important to Jesus that it would be included in the Bible?

Read Malachi 3:10. Many people struggle with the concept of tithing. For many, tithing feels impractical. Because of this, many people grow into tithing by starting with a commitment of some kind that is less than the tithe (10% of your income). So they might begin by giving a fixed amount or a percentage, like 2% or 5%. then they grow from there over a two or three-year period until they work their way into a full tithe (10%). Why do you think that tithing is an important teaching in the Bible?

Talk among your group about your attitude and feeling about this concept.

Conclusion: Tithing is not for God. It is for us. God wants us to acknowledge that all we have belongs to him, and being able to part with the tithe is one of the ways we settle this with our heart. God doesn't need your money, but your spiritual life is seriously inhibited when we are unwilling to part with money. We place it's important above God in this way. This is why tithing is so important.

For many people, the goal is not tithing, but to go well BEYOND Tithing. If God is true to his promises and Malach 3, the floodgates will open and we will be positioned not just to give 10%, but to get far more!

Before you leave, discuss among your group the tithing challenge, which can be found on your app or website. And be sure to pray together before you leave!

## NOTES