

# Give. Save. Live

## Week #3

Week #3: Live - God is in the joy-giving business. The Holy Spirit lives in us and opens our eyes to the glory of God all around us in the created world. He is not a money-hungry owner that denies his money managers any personal pleasure. Instead, God created a beautiful world and gave us money to enjoy it. Some imply you should feel guilty for any personal spending (as if owning a TV was a mortal sin when so many people in the world are starving). But if we have given first and saved second, we do not need to feel guilt in living off the rest, to enjoying the places God created, the food God grew, the technology God allowed us to develop. He gives these things for our pleasure! So, be generous first and enjoy the rest to his glory.

The question: What kind of money manager are you - #**FOMO** or #**YOLO** or #**GSL**?

- 1 Timothy 6:9-10 - *9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.*

The issue: When you live before you give, you might plant the **wrong** root & produce **rotten** fruit.

- 1 Timothy 6:17-19 - *17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.*

The truth: When we give, save, then live, you'll have **Jesus'** roots & produce **the Spirit's** fruits.

- Galatians 5:22,23 - *But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, 23 gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

| Spirit's Fruit | GSL Truth  |
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| Love           | <b><u>Provide with what's left!</u></b>              |
| Joy            | <b><u>Enjoy what's left!</u></b>                     |
| Patience       | <b><u>Accepts what's left!</u></b>                   |
| Goodness       | <b><u>Shares what's left!</u></b>                    |
| Self-control   | <b><u>Is wise with what's left!</u></b>              |
| Peace          | <b><u>Knows what's next is &gt; what's left!</u></b> |

- 1 Timothy 5:8 - *Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.*
- Ecclesiastes 5:18-20 - *This is what I have observed to be good: that it is appropriate for a person to eat, to drink and to find satisfaction in their toilsome labor under the sun during the few days of life God has given them—for this is their lot. 19 Moreover, when God gives someone wealth and possessions, and the*

*ability to enjoy them, to accept their lot and be happy in their toil—this is a gift of God. 20 They seldom reflect on the days of their life, because God keeps them occupied with gladness of heart.*

- Romans 12:13 - *Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality.*
- Philippians 4:19 - *And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus.*

### **The Take Away**

A give, save, live lifestyle =  
a **life** full of “this” moments.

### **Points to Ponder**

- 1) Think of a time when you reversed the order of Give/Save/Live to Live/Save/Give. What kind of fruit were you producing? Was there peace and contentment in what you had or a longing for more? Why do you think that was the case?
- 2) What did you learn about God in this series? How has that changed how you view and will use the possessions that you have? Based on this sermon series, what do you hope will be different in 2018? Share 1 specific example with your Life Group, spouse, or Christian friend.
- 3) When you are generous first, you will definitely find joy in living off of what's left. Think of 1 fruit of the Spirit, that you want to be more intentional in fostering and celebrating. What will you do to grow that root and produce that fruit with the Spirit's help?
- 4) To plant Jesus' roots we need to give first, save second, and live off the rest. Share 1 practical way that you are going to live generously, save because Jesus saves, and live off the rest with joy. Share your plan with a trusted friend. Ask for accountability, prayers, and reminders of God's promises to forgive and bless his people.

***Homework: Genesis 3:1-19***