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The Ripple Effect



- The **Ripple Effect** – a situation in which, like ripples **expanding** across a body of water after an object is dropped in, this effect can be followed **outwards** incrementally
 - We are going to **explore** the ripple effect of our **giving**

Luke 6:37-38

³⁷ “Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven. ³⁸ Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.”

- The law of the **harvest** (Galatians 6:7)
- When it comes to giving it is all about our **hearts**

Matthew 6:19-21

¹⁹ “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. ²⁰ But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- Where’s your **heart**?

Deuteronomy 15:7-11

⁷ If anyone is poor among your fellow Israelites in any of the towns of the land the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. ⁸ Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. ⁹ Be careful not to harbor this wicked thought: “The seventh year, the year for canceling debts, is near,” so that you do not show ill will toward the needy among your fellow Israelites and give them nothing. They may then appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. ¹⁰ Give generously to them and do so without a grudging heart; then because of this the LORD your God will bless you in all your work and in everything you put your hand to. ¹¹ There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded

toward your fellow Israelites who are poor and needy in your land.

- Deal with a **selfish** heart (vs.9)
 - **Why** did God **invent** the concept of giving?
 - Giving works **selfishness** and **greed** out of our lives
- Deal with a **grieving** heart (vs. 10)
 - We need to **remind** ourselves that it wasn’t **ours** to begin with

Deuteronomy 15:14-15

¹⁴ Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you. ¹⁵ Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.

- Develop a **generous** heart
 - It is time to stop acting like a **child** and act like our **Father**
- Develop a **grateful** heart
 - I hope we never get over being **saved**
 - God doesn’t just bless giving, He blesses giving with the **right heart**