

The Tarshish Test

The Pathway

Do Life Together

Worship Together Regularly

Enjoy God's Presence

Live Differently

Give Generously

Share Your Story

Serve Others

1 Timothy 6: 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.

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21 “This is **how it will be** with whoever stores up things for themselves but is **not rich toward God.**”

Matthew 6: 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.**

Matthew 6: 24 “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. **You cannot serve both God and money.**

If your life direction is toward
wealth

Money is about spending and
saving

Five Things to Do with Money

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2. Repay Debt
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4. Save it
5. Give it

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| 1. Spend it | Me first |
| 2. Repay Debt | Creditors second |
| 3. Pay taxes | Government third |
| 4. Save it | Me fourth |
| 5. Give it | Others last |

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If your life direction is toward God

Money is about generosity and
hospitality

Which do you lean toward...

Gaining Wealth or Giving
Generously?

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Jonah 1: The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: 2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.”

Jonah 1: 3 But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for **Tarshish**. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.

1 Kings 10: 22 For the king had a fleet of ships of Tarshish at sea with the fleet of Hiram. Once every three years the fleet of ships of Tarshish used to come bringing gold, silver, ivory, apes, and peacocks.

14 The weight of the gold that Solomon received yearly was 666 talents

Isaiah 2: 12-16 For Yahweh of armies has a day...against all the ships of Tarshish, and against all the desirable ships.

Isaiah 23:1 Wail, O ships of Tarshish, for (Tyre) is destroyed without house or harbor..."

Psalms 48:4-6 "The kings assemble themselves together...they saw and were stunned...with the east wind you break the ships of Tarshish.

Tarshish = False Eden of our own
creation

We fail the Tarshish Test when we
have and maintain great wealth

and are still driven by and live
with unhappiness.

Acts 20: 35 In everything I did, I showed you that by this kind of hard work we must help the weak, remembering the words the Lord Jesus himself said: **‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’ ”**

(MSG) ‘You’re far **happier** giving than getting.’

What is real generosity?

One great myth about generosity

is that it's spontaneous.

2 Corinthians 9: 6 Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. 7 Each of you should give **what you have decided in your heart to give**, not reluctantly or **under compulsion**, for God loves a cheerful giver.

Planning to give...

Alleviates the guilt of not giving
spontaneously.

Planning to give...

Allows us to give with a grateful
and broken heart.

The two best places to give:

The two best places to give:

(1.) Whatever breaks your heart.

The two best places to give:

(2.) Whatever helps you grow
spiritually.

Another great myth about
generosity

is that it's the amount that
counts.

Luke 21: As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. 2 He also saw a poor widow put in two **very small copper coins**. 3 “Truly I tell you,” he said, “this poor widow has put in **more than all the others**. 4 All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she **out of her poverty** put in all she had to live on.”

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