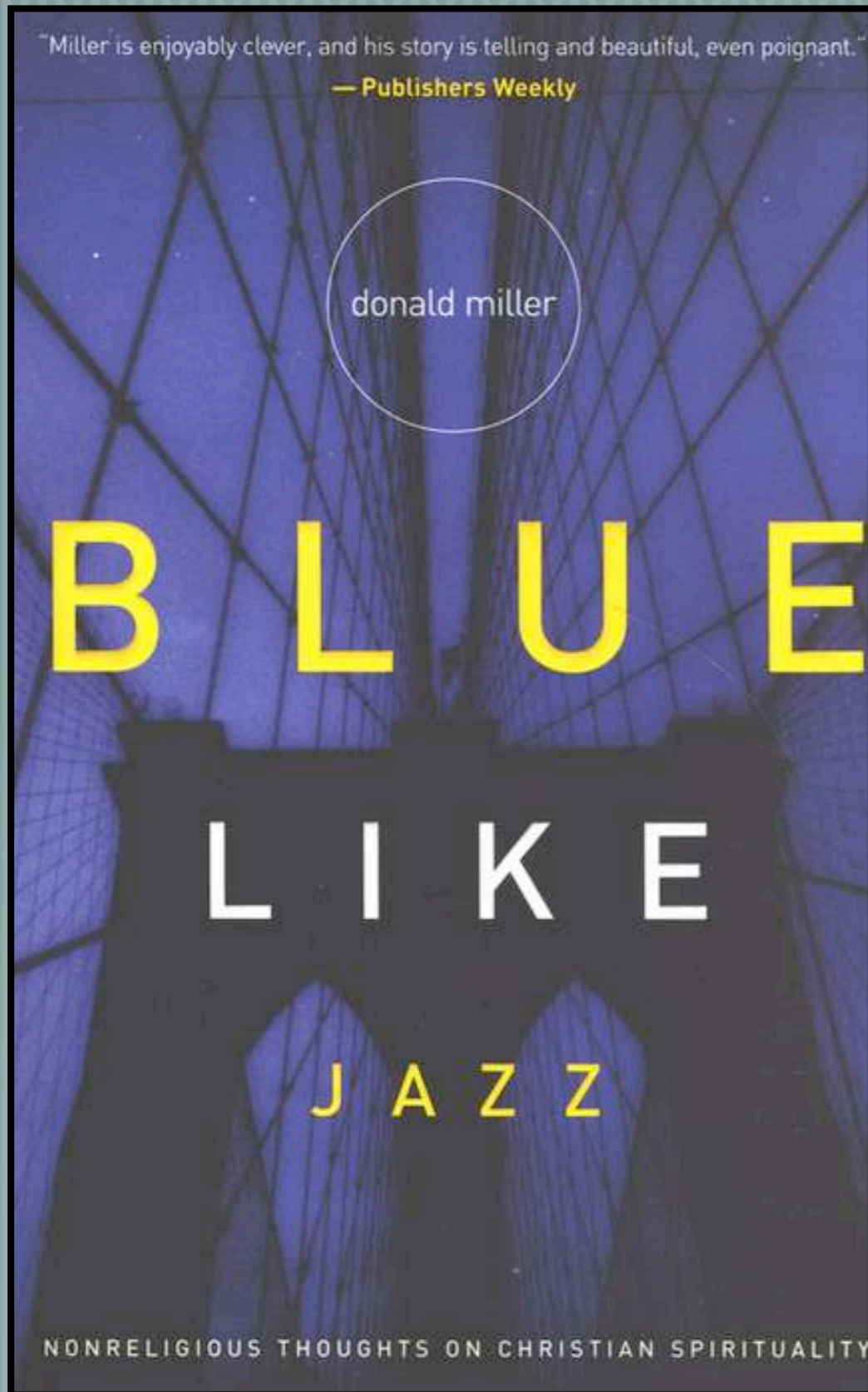


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9:1-7



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Money = Jesus had more to say about
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Praying with the Troops • Pro-Israel and Pro-Palestine • Randy Alcorn's Ordeal

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"People 45 years old and younger have grown up mesmerized by materialism. There's tremendous pressure on families to spend, spend, and spend." -

James Williams

Christianity Today Magazine James Williams of Church of God World Service CT 1994.

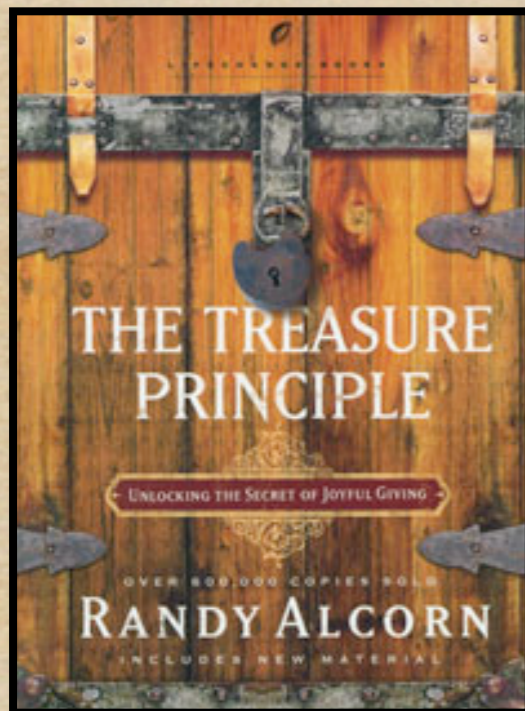


Storing Up?

Matt. 6:20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.



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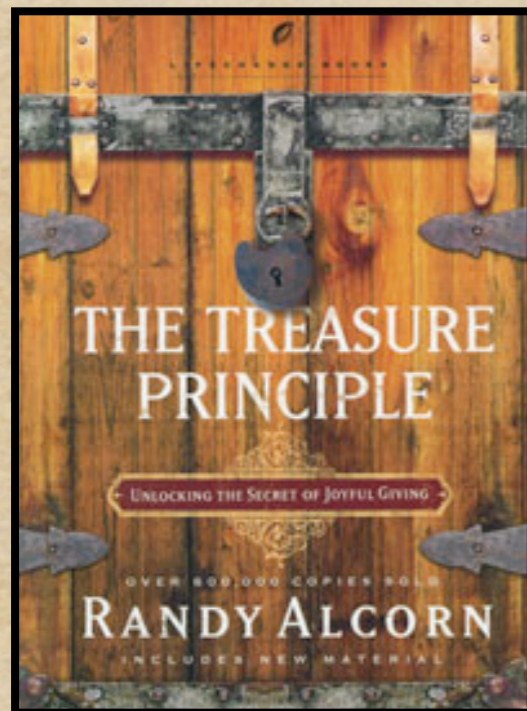


Randy Alcorn "The Treasure Principle" pg.13



Storing Up?

“Storing up earthly treasure isn’t simply wrong, its just plain stupid”



Common Questions

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= mah·as·ār:

tithe, tenth part



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Num. 18:20-21 The LORD said to Aaron, “You will have no inheritance in their land, nor will you have any share among them; I am your share and your inheritance among the Israelites. ²¹ “I give to the Levites all the tithes in Israel as their inheritance in return for the work they do while serving at the Tent of Meeting.



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Mark 12:41-44 Many rich people threw in large amounts. ⁴² But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. ⁴³ Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, “I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. ⁴⁴ They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on.”



Common Questions

What does the New Testament Say?

2Cor. 11:9 And when I was with you and needed something, I was not a burden to anyone, for the brothers who came from Macedonia supplied what I needed. I have kept myself from being a burden to you in any way, and will continue to do so.



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1Cor. 9:13-14 Don't you know that those who work in the temple get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in what is offered on the altar? ¹⁴ In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.



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1Timothy 5:17 -18 The elders who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially those whose work is preaching and teaching. ¹⁸ For the Scripture says, “Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.”



Giving Guidelines

2Cor. 9:7 Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. (Deut. 15:10)



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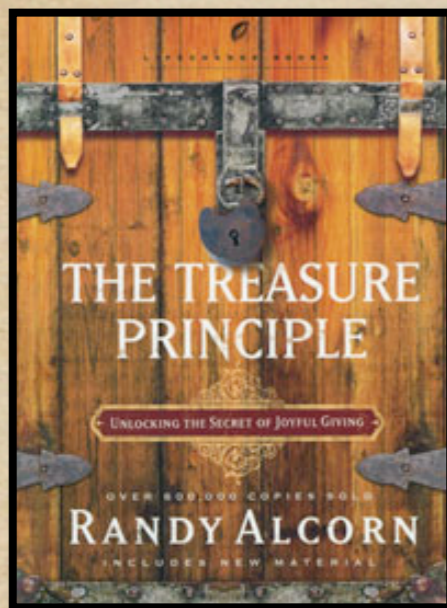
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“Giving isn’t the luxury of the rich, its the privilege of the poor”



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1Cor. 16:1-2 Now about the collection for God's people: Do what I told the Galatian churches to do. ² On the first day of every week, each one of you should set aside a sum of money in keeping with his income, saving it up, so that when I come no collections will have to be made.

"we should give from our conviction not connivence"



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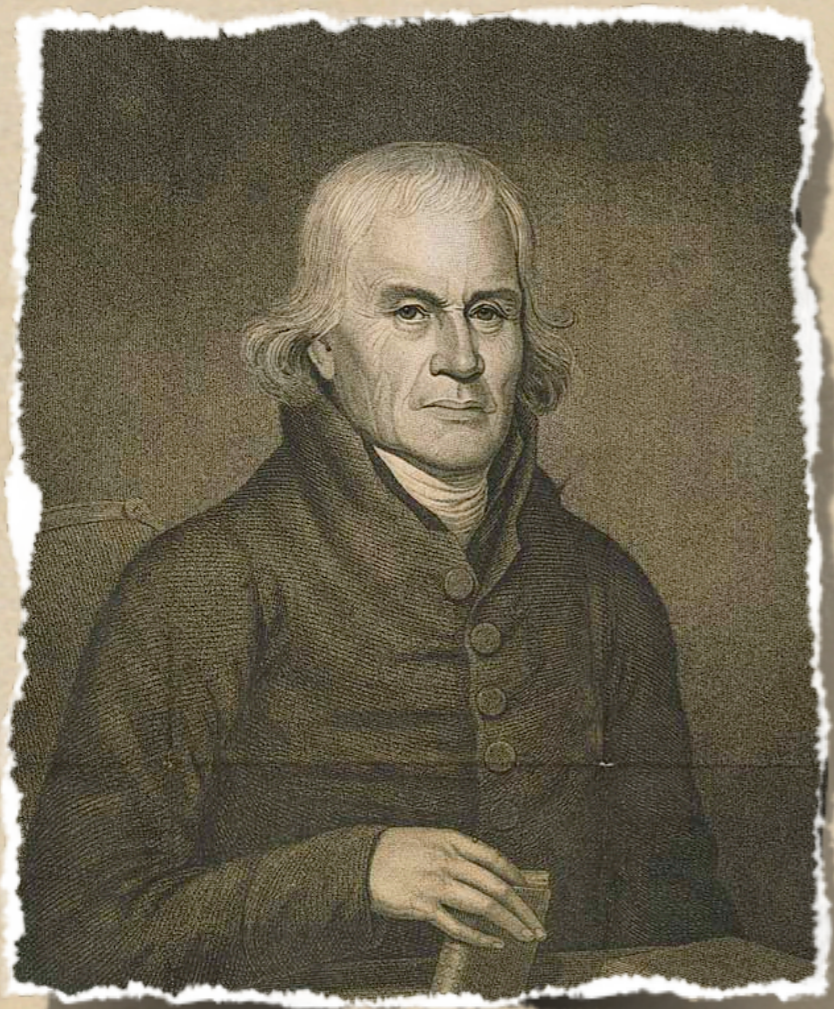
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“Don’t fall into the trap of giving out of convenience, give out of conviction”



Giving Guidelines

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John Wesley



Giving Guidelines

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- 2. Decide ahead of time.***
- 3. It's a privilege.***



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