

# Is 10% Enough?

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**Mark10:17-23 17** As Jesus started on his way, a man ran up to him and fell on his knees before him.

"Good teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup> "Why do you call me good?" Jesus answered. "No one is good—except God alone. <sup>19</sup> You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder, you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, you shall not defraud, honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup> "Teacher," he declared, "all these I have kept since I was a boy." <sup>21</sup> Jesus looked at him and loved him. "One thing you lack," he said. "Go, sell everything you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup> At this the man's face fell. He went away sad, because he had great wealth. <sup>23</sup> Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it is for the rich to enter the kingdom of God!"

## **Two Factors to Consider:**

1. If you don't believe that you are wealthy, There is a good chance you'll assume that the Bible is NOT addressing you when it talks about wealth.
2. The simplest answer may be that people are just greedy.

## **We were designed to be generous!**

We were created in God's image and likeness. God is a generous giver! -Gen. 1:27

*For God so loved the world that he **gave** his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. -John 3:16*

*What's fascinating is that as our financial needs are supplied, our appetite for money tends to increase rather than diminish. When we're physically hungry, we fill our stomachs, then back away from the table. Not so with money. It seems the more we get, the more we want. - Bill Highballs - "Honest to God" pg.154*

## **Four Keys for financial generosity**

1. We were created in God's image and likeness. God is a generous giver! -Gen. 1:27  
Like everything else our money belongs to God. We are God's asset managers! -Luke 16:11
2. Practice self denial.
3. Have a budget with generosity built in.
4. Celebrate the work God allows you to participate in!

*He believed that with increasing income, what should rise is the Christian's standard of living but the standard of giving. -John Wesley*

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