

# BIGGER than The Good Life

*Week Three*

Blessed – having supernatural power working for you.

Cursed – having supernatural power working against you.

*“The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.” – Deuteronomy 28:8 (NIV)*

## **The First of the First:**

*“Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.” – Proverbs 3:9-10 (NIV)*

## **The Heart:**

*“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 the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” – Luke 6:38 (TNIV)*

*“Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged. Do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” – Luke 6:36-37 (TNIV)*

*“Judge not, and you shall not be judged. Condemn not, and you shall not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven.” – Luke 6:36-37*

*“People may think all their ways are pure, but motives are weighed by the Lord.” – Proverbs 16:2*

*“When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.” – James 4:3 (TNIV)*

*“Give to everyone who ask you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who are good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you*

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*expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do that. And if you lend to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, expecting to be repaid in full. But love your enemies, do good to them, and lend to them without expecting to get anything back. Then your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High, because he is kind to the ungrateful and wicked.” – Luke 6:30-35 (TNIV)*

*“If anyone is poor among your people in any of the towns of the land that the LORD your God is giving you, do not be hardhearted or tightfisted toward them. Rather, be openhanded and freely lend them whatever they need. 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 people and give them nothing. They may appeal to the LORD against you, and you will be found guilty of sin. 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 everything you put your hand to. There will always be poor people in the land. Therefore I command you to be openhanded toward those of your people who are poor and needy in your land. If any of your people, men or women, sell themselves to you and serve you six years, in the seventh year you must let them go free. And when you release them, do not send them away empty-handed. Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you. Remember that you were slaves in Egypt and the LORD your God redeemed you. That is why I give you this command today.” – Deuteronomy 15:7-15*

### **The Selfish Heart:**

*“Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.” – Joshua 1:8*

### **The Grieving Heart:**

*“And your heart should not be grieved when you give to him.” – Deuteronomy 15:10*

*“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.” – Deuteronomy 15:10*

*“Supply them liberally from your flock, your threshing floor and your winepress. Give to them as the LORD your God has blessed you.” – Deuteronomy 15:14*

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is – his good, pleasing and perfect will.” – Romans 12:2 (TNIV)*

*“It will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom.” – Luke 6:38*

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