**Pastor Demetric Felton Sr. August 19, 2018**

**Treasure: Don’t Store It In The Wrong Place**

Luke 12:13-34

**Key truth:** How you view and use money says a lot about your discipleship to Jesus Christ. (2 Corinthians 8:9-10)

**Enemy of Generosity:**

1. Greed is the enemy of Generosity.

 A. Greed fractures relationships.

 B. Greed gives you a false sense of security.

 C. Greed blinds you to the needs of others.

2. Worry has its root cause in lack of faith.

3. You cannot serve God and money.

 A. Money shows what you love most.

 B. Money shows what you really trust most.

 C. Money shows if God can trust you.

 D. God is not after your money He wants your heart.

**The Best Financial Investment:**

1. We should invest our money in Kingdom pursuits.

 A. Invest in people and not things. Luke 16:13

 B. Bringing people closer to God with your wealth is the

 wisest investment you can make.

 C. You can’t take your money with you but you can send it

 ahead of you.

2. Practicing good stewardship principles allows you to be

 generous.

3. Being content with what God supplies allows for generosity.

 Hebrews 13:5-6

**Taking It Beyond The Walls:** Thank God for the generosity He has shown you by giving up Jesus on the cross for your sins. AskHis forgiveness for the many ways you have fallen prey to being selfish with your wealth. Ask God to help you focus your wealth on His kingdom and glory.

**Food For Thought**

For the week of August 19, 2018

(Questions and Scriptures for further personal study)

Read Psalm 37:3-4: What would you say is the desire of your heart?

Does the way you spend your money support or contradict your answer?

If you lost your job today, what would you do? Do you trust God to provide for you?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19: How might the way you use your money have eternal implications?

How should we use our money if we hope to “lay up treasure . . . for the coming age” (vv. 18-19)?

Read Luke 19:1-10: What happened to Zacchaeus that changed how he viewed his wealth?

How can you refocus your money and resources toward storing up heavenly treasure?

How might the regular practice of tithing help you grow in your relationship with God?