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Matthew 6:19-24

Please use the space below to take notes on today's message:

Take It Homework

We encourage you to not only do these exercises on your own, but also with a group of friends, co-workers, neighbors, small group or family members.

Hey friends! I want to try something new for Take It Homework this week, so work with me on this. I'm going to just list out some stuff I'm planning on for my sermon, and I want you to simply talk. Some things will be questions. Some will be statements. Some Scripture, and some just bullet points. Tear into it. By that I mean discuss, share from your life, challenge each other, encourage, disagree, agree, rethink, brainstorm...You get the picture.
Before you start, pray and ask that the Holy Spirit would lead and guide your conversation. Pray that your heart would be open to whatever God needs to do in you. Pray that the Kingdom would advance as a result of this time.

Leviticus 27:30
- Tithe? A tenth?

Proverbs 3:9
- But I can't afford that!
- Give first?

Malachi 3:6-10
- Robbing God?
- Testing God?
- Blessing that you will not have room for?
- God wasn't legalistic in the Old Testament!
- Tithe=training wheels, boundaries, starting point, floor not the ceiling
- Actual Old Testament giving was over 23%

Imagine with me that you really believed that God would take care of you and that He has the power to do so. If you really believed that, would it change your giving?

If your life was an example of what it means to follow Jesus, what would people see when they looked at your finances/where "your" money goes?

Matthew 6:19-24
When you give you get a redirected, reformed heart.
- Money LEADS your heart (example: stock market—invest, then care how it goes)
- This is NOT about money! It's about your heart!

Joyful giving leads to greater contentment/joy in life?!!

Issues/Questions/Concerns...
- Sacrificial giving **(2 Corinthians 8:1-5)**
  - When is the last time it hurt (I mean REALLY hurt) to give?
- Tithe is Old Testament? I'm FREE to, by the Spirit, give/sacrifice less?!
- Where should I give my money? Church only? Other places? How much to church?
- Won't Pastor Dave just get a nicer car if I give more?
- Net or gross?
- I'm not sure how much I give. It's easier for me not to get clear on that.