

THE TREASURE PRINCIPLE - Part IV

Reference: **Matthew 6:19-21**

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TREASURE PRINCIPLE:

We can't take it with us but we can send it on ahead.

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There are six parts to this Treasure Principle:

PART ONE... God **owns** every treasure and we are His investment managers.

PART TWO... Our **heart** is where we invest God's treasure.

PART THREE... **Heaven**, and not **earth**, is our actual home.

PART FOUR... We're not supposed to live for the dot, but for the line.

PART FIVE... Giving is the _____ to materialism.

References: **Acts 20:35, II Corinthians 9:7** (see screen)

This word "cheerful" in the original Greek language is "hilaros" from which we get our English word "_____" meaning boisterously gay, noisy and exuberant gaiety.

PART SIX... God blesses us not to just raise our standard of _____ but to raise our standard of _____.

Reference: **Luke 12:48b** (see screen)

Tithing in the Old Testament was a form of ancient taxation. Old Testament Israel was a theocracy and in order to support this ancient theocratic government God required from the Jewish people three basic tithes:

- the _____ tithe
References: **Leviticus 27:30-34** and **Numbers 18:21-24**
- the _____ tithe
References: **Deuteronomy 12:10-18** and **14:22-26**
- the _____ tithe
Reference: **Deuteronomy 14:28, 29**

These were the three basic ancient OT tithes and altogether that required tithing constituted _____ percent of someone's annual income.

The New Testament does not teach that we are to give a particular percentage instead, it teaches a principle that allows us to individually determine what percentage of our income we should give and that principle is called **the principle of proportionate giving**.

Definition: The principle of proportionate giving states that the amount of a person's gift is to be _____ to how God has _____ him.

Reference: **I Corinthians 16:1-2** (see screen)

If though God does bless us in a financial sense then as the amount of someone's income increases, this principle teaches that the percentage and amount of that person's giving should also increase.