

Money Matters Part #1  
 “Living and Giving Generously”  
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**Q – Where do we learn about how to handle money?**

The **open** hands of God vs. the **clutched** hands of man

**“You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing.” (Psalm 14:16)**

3 Biblical Snapshots ...

**1. The woman with the Alabaster Jar**

(Mark 14:3-9)

- a. Hands – **open** and generous
- b. Expression – extravagant worship
- c. Outcome - validation

**2. The widow at the offering box**

(Mark 12:41-44)

- a. Hands– open and trusting
- b. Expression – **sacrificial** service
- c. Outcome - celebration

**3. The man who guards the money bag**

(Mark 14:10-11; John 12:4; 1 Timothy 6:6-10)

- a. Hands – clutched and closed
- b. Expression – self-serving preoccupation
- c. Outcome – destructive **condemnation**

Take Home ...

- 1. We are prone to clutch, because we are **insecure** and struggle with trust

- 2. We are inclined to clutch, because we are trained to **compete**
- 3. We are invited to live and give like God – open handedly and generously!

Reason’s why we should give ...

- 1. Because we are thankful for God's generosity towards us.
- 2. Because we feel **good** when I do it.
- 3. Because we recognize that we are managers and **not** owners.
- 4. Because we want to live under the blessing of God.
- 5. Because we believe we can make a difference in someone else’s world.
- 6. Because our selfish side **dies** a little every time we choose to give.

**The Money Continuum ... “Where are you at?”**

My Money is my business

My money is God’s business

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My possessions belong to me

My possessions belong to God

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Money has little to do with spiritual life

Money is an indicator of my spiritual life

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I have some adjustments to make

God is pleased with how I am handling finances

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