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3. MORE BLESSED TO GIVE

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ACTS 20

#1.

A DIFFERENT MEASURE OF WORTH

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ACTS 20

⁷ But whatever were gains to me I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. ⁸ What is more, I consider everything a loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them garbage, that I may gain Christ

PHILIPPIANS 3

#2.

A NEW PERSPECTIVE TO ADEQUACY

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And now, brothers and sisters, we want you to know about the grace that God has given the Macedonian churches. ² In the midst of a very severe trial, their overflowing joy and their extreme poverty welled up in rich generosity. ³ For I testify that they gave as much as they were able, and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, ⁴ they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the Lord's people.

2 CORINTHIANS 8

#3.

A SUPERIOR KIND OF RETURN

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ACTS 20

¹⁷ Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. ¹⁸ Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. ¹⁹ In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 TIMOTHY 6

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

- 1. What are some spending decisions you have made which were motivated by a need to feel more worthy, important or to keep up with the latest trends? How does Paul's perspective redefine the way we measure worth?**
- 2. If you were to review your income and expenses honestly, is it really true that you do not have enough? What is one habit you need to change to start living more wisely with what you already have?**
- 3. How does the reality of heavenly rewards empower you to prioritise giving? How can you begin to put the principle 'give first, save second, spend last' into practice in your life right now?**