

# The Generous Life

(A deeper look at money)



## Lesson 2

### The Generous life grows as we follow Christ

God doesn't want your money; He wants your life

**Mark 8:34** Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "If anyone would come after me, **he must deny himself and take up his cross** and follow me. **35** For whoever wants to save his life **will lose it**, but **whoever loses his life for me and for the gospel will save it**. *New International Version*



John D Rockefeller, Founder of the Standard Oil Company

"I wouldn't have been able to tithe the first million dollars I ever made if I had not tithed my first salary which was \$1.50 a week." *John D Rockefeller*

- Net worth in today's dollars is around 633 billion dollars
- BP purchased the Standard Oil Company in 1978
- Founder of the University of Chicago

**2 Corinthians 8:1** And now, brothers, we want you to know about **the grace** that God has given the Macedonian churches. *New International Version*

**2 Corinthians 8:2** Out of the most 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**, *New International Version*

**2 Corinthians 8:4** they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints. **5** And they did not do as we expected, but **they gave themselves first to the Lord** and then to us in keeping with God's will. *New International Version*