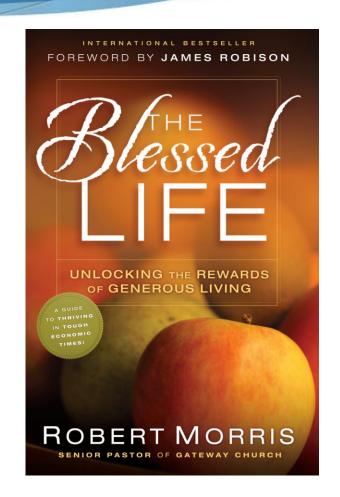
Living out our faith with generosity The Blessed Life – part III

Gift & Reward

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Recap

- ◆ Firstborn the first part belongs to the Lord
- ♦ Firstfruits when we give this, the rest in blessed
- ◆ Tithes the first part of our increase
- Putting God first



Recap

- ♦ Not under Law but grace goes further... to the heart!
- God loves to multiply
- Something must be blessed to multiply – tithe
- Only that which is given is multiplied – beyond the tithe



Recap



- Beware Mammon! The love of money
- It tries to take God's place
- ♦ A heart issue!
- ♦ Are we governed by Selfishness, Pride & Poverty or Thankfulness & Generosity?



Foundational Principles

- Get out of debt
- Avoid manipulation
- Give as you feel led
- Instant Obedience!

The Gift of Giving

- ♦ Romans 12:6-8
- We are all called to give, but some have the gift!
- ♦ It's good to honour & encourage them





God Rewards

- ♦ Hebrews 11:6
- ♦ This life too! Mark 10:29-30
- ▶ Faithful stewards are given more to steward – Luke 19:17
- Need, Greed or Seed?2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Extravagant Giving

- ♦ John 12:1-8
- ♦ A story that's told all over the world!
- A big response to His big love
- Giving beyond need
- Giving beyond what's reasonable

