

Jesus, Lord of 2017: Lord of my Stuff

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[Matthew 6:19-21, 24](#)

[Jesus said] 19 "Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22-23... 24 "No one can serve two masters. Either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and Money.

If Jesus is Lord of my stuff, then...

1. GIVING IS A NATURAL RESPONSE

[Matt 2:11](#)

On coming to the house, [the wise men] saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.

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2. IT NEVER WAS OUR STUFF IN THE FIRST PLACE

[Exodus 23:19](#)

"BRING the best of the firstfruits of your soil to the house of the Lord your God..."

[James 1:17](#)

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father...

[Psalms 24:1](#)

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it..."

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3. IT'S ALL ABOUT OUR HEART

[Gen 4:3-5](#)

3 In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. 4 But Abel brought fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, 5 but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor.

[Mark 12:43](#)

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others."

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4. WE GIVE BECAUSE GOD IS A GIVER AND WE ARE CALLED TO BE LIKE HIM

[John 3:16](#)

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

[Malachi 3:10](#)

Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this," says the Lord Almighty, "and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it."