

The Vault

- **Matthew 6:20-21 AMP** – *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in and steal; 21 for where your TREASURE is, there your heart [your wishes, your desires; THAT ON WHICH YOUR LIFE CENTERS] will be also.*

Week #3 – Treasure

- **Malachi 1:6 – 8 (GNT)** *The Lord Almighty says to the priests, "Children HONOR their parents, and servants HONOR their masters. I am your father - why don't you HONOR me? I am your master - why don't you respect me? You despise me, and yet you ask, "How have we despised you?" 7 This is how - **by offering worthless food on my altar.** Then you ask, "How have we failed to respect you?" I will tell you - by showing contempt for my altar. 8 When you bring a blind or sick or lame animal to sacrifice to me, DO YOU THINK THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH THAT? Try giving an animal like that to the governor! Would he be pleased with you or grant you any favors?"*
- **QUOTE:** *"Jesus is not concerned about dollars and cents. He's interested in the truth that money tells."*
- God's issue was NOT the monetary value of the offering. God's issue was that their motive was not HONOR
- **QUOTE:** *In order for our giving to be accepted as a deposit in the "Vault Called Heaven", it must be offered with honor*
- *Honor (Heb. Kabad) – to be heavy or be weighty. In other words, to not treat like a "light weight."*
- It means to esteem someone highly and not brush them off as insignificant.
- **Mark 12:41 – 44 NIV** - *Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. 42 But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a few cents. 43 Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."*
- **QUOTE:** *The value of an offering to God is established by what the gift means to the giver*
- **I Chronicles 21:22 – 24 NLT** *David said to Araunah, "Let me buy this threshing floor from you at its full price. Then I will build an altar to the Lord there, so that he will stop the plague." 23 "Take it, my lord the king, and use it as you wish," Araunah said to David. "I will give the oxen for the burnt offerings, and the threshing boards for wood to build a fire on the altar, and the wheat for the grain offering. I will give it all to you." 24 But King David replied to Araunah, "No, I insist on buying it for the full price. I will not take what is yours and give it to the Lord. I WILL NOT PRESENT BURNT OFFERINGS THAT HAVE COST ME NOTHING!"*
- David couldn't offer something he got for free because *the value of his offering was established by what the gift meant to him.*
- David didn't come because he owed God money. He came because he owed God honor.
- **QUOTE:** *When we honor God with what is in our hands, God honors us with what is in His hands*

- **Proverbs 3:9, 10 (NKJV)** – *Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the first and best part of all your income. 10 Then your barns will be full, and your vats will overflow with fresh wine.*
- **II Corinthians 9:7 (NCV)** – *Each one should give as you have DECIDED IN YOUR HEART to give. You should not be sad when you give, and you should not give because you feel forced to give. God loves the person who gives happily.*