

MESSAGE NOTES:

5  
HABITS  
OF  
SPIRITUAL  
GROWTH



Accelerate Part 5

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**1 Timothy 4:7-8** ...train yourself to be godly. For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

**Matthew 6:19-21** Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1. Treasure level giving is \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Corinthians 9:7

2. Treasure level giving is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Haggai 1:5-6, 11

3. Treasure level giving is \_\_\_\_\_.  
2 Corinthians 8:7

Today's Music

**Holding Nothing Back** Martin Smith, Tim Hughes  
**Our God** Chris Tomlin, Jesse reeves, Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman  
**Desert Song** Brooke Ligertwood  
**At the Cross** (Love Ran Red) Chris Tomlin, Ed Cash, Jonas Myrin, Matt  
Armstrong,  
Matt Redman

## Growth Group Homework – February 19, 2017

Money is a powerful tool for spiritual growth because our spending reflects what we value. The habit of giving helps move our hearts toward God when we decide to give intentionally; give proportionally to prioritize God before other expenses; and give consistently to refocus our perspective over time.

### Warm-Up

1. What was your most recent impulse buy?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. When you were growing up, what was your family's attitude towards money?

### Talk it Over

3. What part of the message stood out to you and why?

Read 1 Timothy 6:17-19. What does this passage teach us about money and how it should be used?

Make a list of some of the things lots of money seems to guarantee. Which of these are you tempted to believe?

What are the practices in this passage that help people put their hope in God instead of money? What have been your experiences with them?

Read Luke 12:16-21. How does the thinking of the person described in this passage compare with modern-day thinking on money?

Part of being rich toward God is giving. This is why Bevan encouraged us to take the eight-week Giving Challenge. Have you ever done something like this before? If so, what was that experience like?

What might hold you back from taking a challenge like this?

### Take it Home

6. Based on this discussion, do you think you need to be more thoughtful, proportional, or persistent in your treasure-level giving? What is a practical step you can take in this area?

7. Through this Accelerate Series we have explored the habits of prayer, gathering, keeping the Sabbath, Bible study, and giving. Which of these has been the most challenging for you?

In which of these do you plan to increase?

**Memorize:** 2 Corinthians 9:7