

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

Gift & Reward

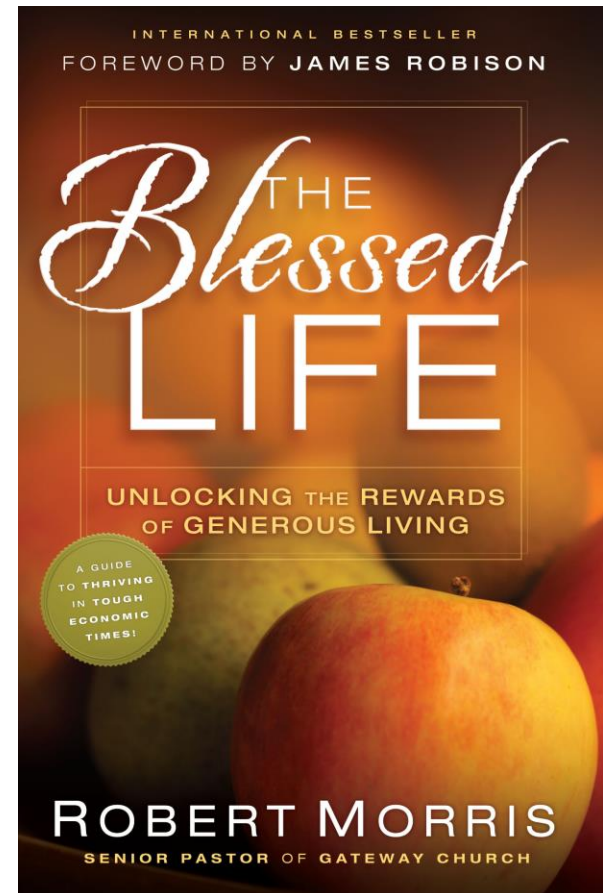
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Based on the book by Robert Morris



Recap

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

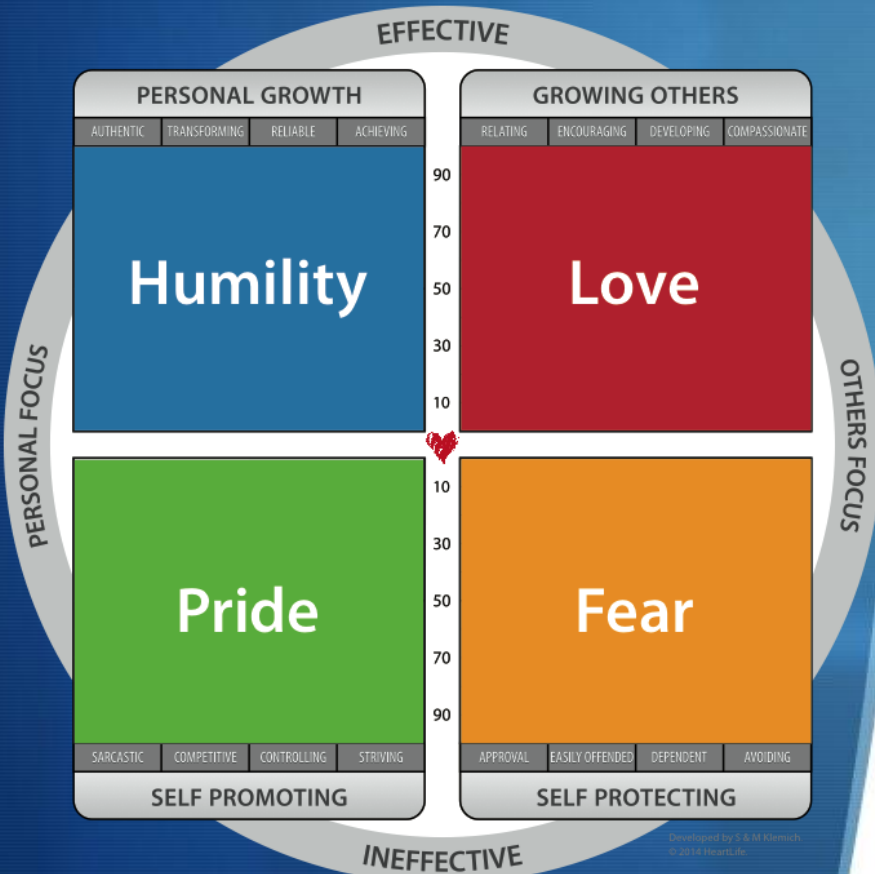


Recap

- ◆ 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
- 🟢 Good, not dirty!
- 🟢 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

