

**CELEBRATING  
Margin**

SERIES BIG IDEA:

\_\_\_\_\_ demands \_\_\_\_\_.

**FIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF A CHURCH WALKING IN FINANCIAL PEACE:**

- 1. Trusts God completely.**
- 2. Saves money consistently.**
- 3. Recognizes God's ownership.**
- 4. Embraces its God-given mission.**
- 5. Commits to lifelong generosity.**

<sup>25</sup>On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he asked, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

<sup>26</sup>"What is written in the Law?" he replied. "How do you read it?"

<sup>27</sup>He answered, "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

<sup>28</sup>"You have answered correctly," Jesus replied. "Do this and you will live."

<sup>29</sup>But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

<sup>30</sup>In reply Jesus said: "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. <sup>31</sup>A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. <sup>32</sup>So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. <sup>33</sup>But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. <sup>34</sup>He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. <sup>35</sup>The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. 'Look after him,' he said, 'and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.'

<sup>36</sup>"Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?"

<sup>37</sup>The expert in the law replied, "The one who had mercy on him." Jesus told him, "Go and do likewise."

Luke 10:25-37 (NIV)

**We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the neighbor to our neighbor in \_\_\_\_\_.**

TEACHING BIG IDEA:

**We create the margin to be rich by doing \_\_\_\_\_ to those in \_\_\_\_\_.**

<sup>17</sup>Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup>Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. <sup>19</sup>In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

1 Timothy 6:17-19 (NIV)

**I am not rich because of what I \_\_\_\_\_.**

**I am rich because of what I can \_\_\_\_\_.**

*Further reading for this week*

**Day 1:**

**Day 2:**

**Day 3:**

**Day 4:**

**Day 5:**

**Day 6:**